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UK 'at the very heart of Europe'

Major signals end of Thatcher line on the EC

From Ian Murray in Bonn and Robin Oakley

JOHN Major yesterday signalled a clear break with Margaret Thatcher's stance on Europe, when he pledged British co-operation in the closer integration of the European Community. In his first speech abroad as *prime minister*, he insisted that Britain's place was "at the very heart of Europe".

However, the prime minister took the opportunity of his speech in Bonn to warn his European counterparts not to rush the pace of economic and political union. He also gave some indication of the compromise he is seeking in the intergovernmental conferences now under way.

Britain, he said, could not accept the imposition of a single European currency and it would be better to reserve judgment. "But we are confident that the inter-governmental conference will be able to work out arrangements which protect the right of a future British parliament to *make a decision later.*"

His comments amounted to a hint that Britain would sign up to the principle of a single currency, provided that the timing of its implementation was left to individual nations. The prime minister made it plain that his approach to the community differed to that of Mrs Thatcher in one key aspect. He told his audience at the *Konrad Adenauer Foundation* that he spoke for a new political generation ready to work with continental politicians in "building the future". "I am 47. So I am of the generation that grew up in the aftermath of the second world war."

After his predecessor's comments in the United States at the weekend about the dangers of Germany dominating Europe, Mr Major warmly praised Helmut Kohl's "enormous skill and quiet authority". Both the prime minister and the German chancellor denied that their meeting had been clouded by Mrs Thatcher's remarks.

"We do not want to dominate anyone," Herr Kohl said smiling broadly. "We know that Europe can only come about if we all show respect for each other."

While the tone of Mr Major's speech was in considerable contrast with Mrs Thatcher's style, he was conscious enough of his party's divisions to outline a series of reservations about the pace of European integration. His British agenda called for much greater convergence of European economies before there could be monetary co-operation. "The gaps at present are simply too wide. To rush forward and ignore them would be to risk economic failure."

The prime minister also said that there were limits to the development of a common security and foreign policy. He said that Germany would no more accept European governance of its relations with the Soviet Union than would the French with Algeria.

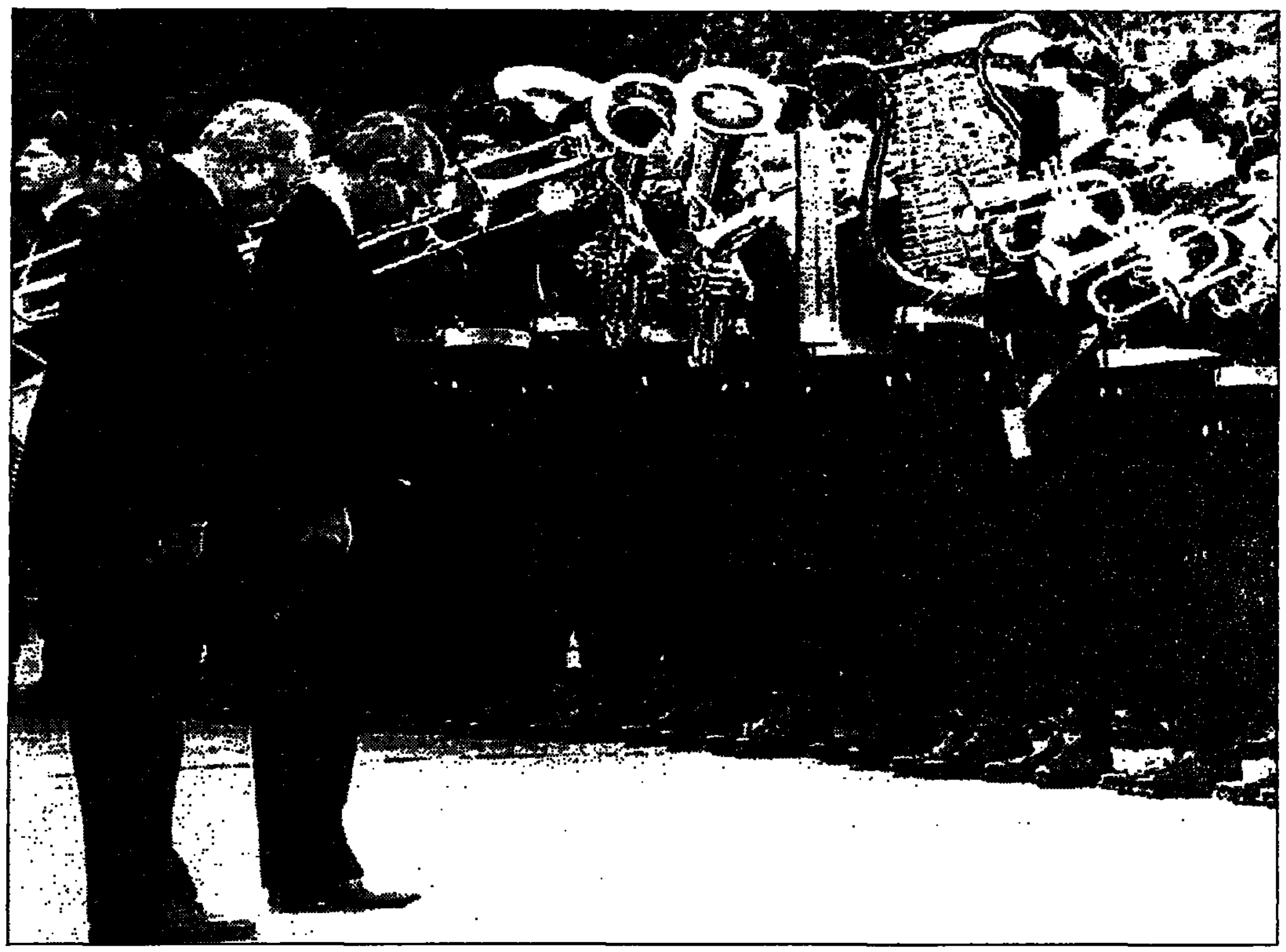
He insisted, in a passage that will please Thatcherites who fear that too much European idealism is creeping into the government in her absence, that old friendships would not be forgotten. The pivotal role of the United States was clear and America must remain in Europe. "We must therefore build up the European defence identity in a way which sustains a long-term American presence." Mr Major said that both leaders recognised that the Western European Union was the best bridge between Nato and the community.

Signalling Britain's readiness for a more vital role in Europe, and seeking to cement a new friendship with Bonn after the strains of the Thatcher years, Mr Major said it was important to work "together as friends and fellow builders" to fashion a more confident and united Europe.

The prime minister gave strong support for Conservative MEPs to join the German Christian Democrats inside the right-wing European People's Party group in *the European Parliament*. At present the British Conservatives are almost isolated in the Strasbourg parliament, where the socialists form the largest block.

It was clear that Herr Kohl was absolutely delighted by the change in leadership. The personal chemistry between the two of them had worked wonderfully well, he said. "You must remember the progress we have made since [the summit in] Rome," the chancellor said. "We are halfway along the road ... I don't want to have anyone feeling he is left out in the cold. It has got to be a joint effort."

The prime minister told the conference after the summit: "I am sure that Europe is stronger when Britain is at the very centre of it. This has been a good day for Britain, a good day for Germany and a good day for Europe."



Towards a new Europe: John Major and Helmut Kohl review the guard of honour in Bonn after the prime minister's arrival for the summit yesterday

RSPCA prepares to launch new ads

By David Young and Michael Hornsby

OFFICE holders of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are to meet tomorrow to approve the launch of the second phase of an advertising campaign to halt the long-distance transport of live animals for slaughter.

The RSPCA is anxious to avoid a repeat of the controversy last November when it was was ordered by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) to withdraw a staged photograph of a dead pony hanging by its neck from a meat hook. The authority said that the picture was unduly sensationalist and not relevant to the theme of the campaign.

Gavin Grant, the society's campaigns director, said: "We felt the picture was justified, but because of the perturbation it caused we took the unusual step this time of showing the images we intend using and a draft of the accompanying text to the newspapers concerned. They have not raised any objection." The society's chairman, Joan Felthouse, together with her vice-chairman, treasurer and vice-treasurer were expected to approve the final version tomorrow.

The latest picture shows a fully conscious horse with its throat being slit. Mr Grant said that the image was taken from a video film shot by RSPCA undercover agents in a Spanish abattoir. "This is certainly not a staged picture of any kind. We hope it will leave people in no doubt about what the reality is." It was intended that the advertisement should start running later this week or early next week.

The effectiveness of its campaign, the RSPCA says, is demonstrated by the fact that it received 2,500 telephone calls supporting its initial advertisement and that

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CAA asked to extend passenger protection

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

MALCOLM Rifkind, the transport secretary, is to ask the Civil Aviation Authority to study ways of protecting tour passengers on scheduled flights from the collapse of airlines. He envisages a bond which airlines would pay into a central fund to provide the same protection enjoyed by those on chartered flights.

In a statement on the collapse of Air Europe, Mr Rifkind told the Commons yesterday that he was concerned that package-tour passengers could be flying alongside those holding scheduled airline tickets but not be in any way protected.

"There is always some impact on customers in any industry when an event like this happens," he said. "The bonding scheme which provides a fund for making arrangements for all charter passengers has ensured that disruption has been kept to a minimum. The lack of a similar bonding scheme for scheduled passengers has been commented on. I believe the time has come to ask the CAA to consider whether some arrangement might sensibly be introduced for scheduled passengers."

The practical difficulties of trying to provide protection for foreign customers as well as for British passengers, and the resistance to such a scheme expressed by government-owned foreign airlines has in the past ruled out what Mr Rifkind is seeking.

The CAA is likely to find the practical difficulties enormous and there was last night little confidence within the airline industry that a workable scheme could be introduced.

Mr Rifkind also dismissed criticism of the CAA's handling of the financial problems which faced Air Europe and the other holiday companies in the collapsed International Leisure Group. MPs had demanded to know why the CAA had not warned passengers that the companies were facing serious problems.

"To have withdrawn licences or to make public statements on the financial affairs of the company while there was still a serious prospect of rescue would merely have precipitated the crisis and made it inevitable," Mr Rifkind said.

The entire travel industry has known for some weeks that Air Europe was in serious danger but were constrained by legal reasons from making public their concerns in case they were accused of aiding its eventual demise.

For the Opposition, Mr Peter Snape said the collapse of ILG was partly due to the government's "disastrous aviation policies".

The CAA said yesterday that it would be considering Mr Rifkind's request and letting him know whether it considers feasible the idea of bonds for scheduled flights. It said the costs of such bonds would have to be borne by airlines. "At present it is only the travel companies who provide bonds to guarantee their customers' holidays," a spokesman said. "If such a scheme were introduced it would be the airlines who would have to set aside a bond. We were only asked to consider yesterday afternoon by the transport minister how the scheme could apply to scheduled passengers. We will be reporting back in due course."

● Britain and America have signed a new agreement on transatlantic air routes that will enable United Airlines to take over Pan Am's Heathrow operations. The deal was immediately condemned by British Airways.

As Malcolm Rifkind was congratulating the British negotiating team in the Commons yesterday, Lord King, chairman of British Airways, made a formal complaint to his department claiming that Britain had been sold out in the talks and that BA's profitability would suffer.

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Holiday company collapses

By Peter Victor

A LONDON-based travel company collapsed yesterday, another victim of the Gulf war and the downturn in the economy. Quo Vadis was a relatively small company with 100 forward bookings lost.

A member of the Association of British Travel Agents since 1984, it has two people currently on holiday abroad. Abta said yesterday that they would be brought back at the end of their holidays.

Quo Vadis specialised in holidays to Italy, offering some trips to France and the Caribbean. Its annual bookings had been around £8 million.

Baker's drive for peace

From Paul Adams in Jerusalem

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, arrived in Israel yesterday after ten people had died in the preceeding 24 hours. Six Arab gunmen were killed trying to infiltrate from Jordan yesterday and four Jewish women were stabbed by a Palestinian.

"I am deeply saddened by the appalling events," Mr Baker said. "What has happened is an effort to kill peace. And it makes us even more determined to work just as hard as we can to see if we can arrive at peace between Arabs and Israelis."

Mr Baker cancelled a walkabout in the old city of Jerusalem. But significantly he will now meet local Palestinian leaders, who are PLO sympathisers. The meeting must have been approved by *the PLO in Tunis.*

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Property charge set to replace poll tax

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

THE abolition of the poll tax and its replacement by a local property tax based on the capital value of homes will be put to cabinet ministers by Michael Heseltine on Thursday as a way of settling the damaging Conservative party rift over the future of local government finance.

Under a new option to go before the committee headed by John Major, the environment secretary's previous plan for a property tax combined with a tax based on the number of people living in a home would be changed to remove the head tax element. The aim would be to win political credit for scrapping the last remnant of the poll tax and to counter the accusation that the government is bent on imposing two taxes.

The plan would involve transferring to central government responsibility functions such as teachers' salaries, police and fire services. The objective of such a move is to reduce the local government tax base substantially to enable the new property tax to be levied at a much lower level than the poll tax.

An announcement that the community charge is to go could come as early as next week, in spite of suggestions from government sources and

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Homer of the West Indies gets his reward

By Richard Morrison
Arts Editor

ONE of the most remarkable poems written since the war receives its due today, when Derek Walcott, the West Indian born poet and playwright, is announced as the winner of the W.H. Smith Literary Award.

The poem is *Omeros*, a vast narrative epic — some 2,500 stanzas of rhyming hexameters in 325 pages — which transposes Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* to a West Indian fishing village. It took Walcott three years to write, was published in Britain by Faber and Faber last year, and promptly ignored by the Whitbread Prize judges. But now it receives handsome compensation: the W.H. Smith award is £10,000.

The author, aged 60 and born in St Lucia, has shot to fame on both sides of the Atlantic in the last two decades with 11 books of poetry. In 1988 he became the first Commonwealth poet from outside Britain to win the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. He now divides his time between Trinidad and Boston, where he teaches poetry at the university.

Walcott will not be in London for today's award luncheon. He is directing final rehearsals at the American Repertory Theater in Boston for the premiere of *Steel*, his new musical tracing the birth of the steel band in Trinidad.

Omeros (the Greek name for Homer), transposes Homer's stories of Hector, Achille and the fought-over Helen from the Aegean to a fishing community in St Lucia. Also included is the dream-like fantasy of a West Indian wandering in exile in Europe, and the story of Philoctete — now a yam-keeper with a "symbolic wound" (inherited from the "chained ankles of his grandfathers"). Homer has, as Walcott puts it in the poem, been transported "across centuries of the sea's parchment atlas".

Walcott maintains that he began modernising Homer almost by accident. "I have not read all of Homer," he admitted, speaking from Boston yesterday. "Perhaps if I knew his writing well, I would not have dared to adapt it. The idea would have seemed pompous."

Among *Omeros's* 7,000-odd lines are hundreds of striking images. What has most impressed critics is the excitement of the story-telling.

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of this madman, wiped and hefted his
own blade.
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green shade
of the almonds and wax-leaved
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Walcott: three years to write epic poem

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Virgin birth prompts heated debate on human sexuality

DEMANDS by MPs that "virgin births" should be banned opened a Pandora's box on human sexuality and procreation yesterday.

The news that a women who had never had sexual intercourse was undergoing artificial insemination shocked Conservative MPs and bishops, although doctors said that single women had had access to this technique for years.

Psychologists argued that women were driven by both biological and social needs to have children, with or without men. The biological need was independent of the need for a sexual relationship. Getting semen from a bank screened for the Aids virus was better than searching singles bars for a stud, they maintained.

Jerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, and secretary of the Tory backbench health committee, called for immediate curbs on an "appalling experimentation" that he said that he found abhorrent.

Ann Winterton, Tory MP for Congleton, said the practice was immoral and unnatural. "This reduces children to the status of consumer goods," she said.

The anti-abortion organisation Life condemned the practice of either heterosexual or lesbian women having children without intercourse. "This is the flipside of abortionism," Keith Davies, its campaign co-ordinator, said. "It is man-free, designer children being created for the convenience and benefit of other people."

Religious arguments were more carefully phrased, emphasising the child's environment rather than any conventional biological transgression. A spokesman for the Catholic church said that a stable relationship between husband and wife was the only proper context in which to conceive a baby. "We would be profoundly disturbed by anything which takes parenthood out of the context of the relationship between husband and wife," he said.

Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, said: "Single parents who are single by choice play truant from the school of charity, and that is bad for them and bad for their children."

Jill Sherman reports on the ethical issues behind the debate on virgin pregnancy

The British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS), which now offers single women both counselling and access to a sperm bank, said that clients included women who could not, or did not wish to, conceive with a male partner for a variety of reasons, including social, emotional, medical and psychosexual problems. "BPAS considers that the individual's marital status is less important than her aptitude for, and commitment to, sustaining loving and respectful relationships," it said.

Dr Christine Dancey, a psychologist specialising in sexual behaviour at East London polytechnic, said that she had come across a few heterosexual virgins who said they never wanted to have sex, sometimes due to childhood circumstances or through fear of contracting Aids. Both this category of women and lesbians were, however, driven by the same biological need to have children, Dr Dancey said.

"The biological urge for motherhood – together with the social pressures of friends having children and parents wanting grandchildren – is independent of the urge for sexual relationships," Dr Dancey said. "Women who have children through AI are no different from any other single parent and do not need special counselling. They have to think whether they can support the child financially and socially." The only added problem was deciding what to tell the child and friends, she said.

Donor insemination, a do-it-yourself technique for a single woman to have a baby is a simple, relatively cheap procedure. About 1,500 women a year now give birth by donor-insemination, including lesbians.

The BPAS offers prospective mothers frozen sperm, quarantined for at least three months, until the donor has been retested for HIV and other health conditions. A 90-minute counselling session followed by a 30-minute medical check costs £100. The woman may choose race, hair and eye colour and the donor's build.

Councillors pay bills as Lambeth braces for highest poll tax

By DOUGLAS BROOM AND RAY CLANCY

THE Labour-controlled Lambeth council last night was poised to set the country's highest community charge of £590, right on the deadline for authorities to agree this year's figure.

At the same time, 13 councillors, including the leader, who face an investigation by Labour's national executive committee, three former councillors and four other members of the local Labour party abandoned their 11-month refusal to pay last year's amount.

A meeting of the full council which was continuing later was expected to endorse a budget of £315.4 million, £8.3 million above government capping limits. The policy and resources committee worked out a plan for the budget which involves cuts of £20 million and 600 redundancies.

In an unexpected public gesture at a pre-council press conference before the meeting started, Joan Twelves, the left-wing council leader, and her colleagues handed over a cheque for £10,000 to the council's finance chairman, John Harrison. Ms Twelves denied that her 11th hour decision to pay was intended to head off the Labour investigation and said she and her colleagues had decided to pay to reduce the need for cuts in the council's budget.

Speaking at the same press conference, Ted Knight, the former leader of the council who was disqualified from office and surcharged in 1985 for refusing to set a rate in protest at government spending curbs, denied that he was planning a political comeback. Mr Knight, who became known as "Red Ted", said it was not for him to decide his political fate but for the local Labour party. His ban expires at midnight on April 2.

He said: "Any decision must rest with the local Labour party members and as there are no vacancies at the present moment there is no prospect of me standing at present."

Outside the town hall, about 200 demonstrators gathered to protest about the high cost of poll tax in the borough. Many of them were disabled people in wheelchairs who were worried about the threatened closure of two day centres at Clapham and Norwood. Banners were unfurled, drums beaten and tambourines waved in the air as councillors arrived.

"If they close the day centres we will have nowhere to go. They are essential to us because there are exercise classes and speech therapists," said one woman who attends the Clapham centre three times a week.

Many of those present said they had been unable to pay this year's poll tax and didn't know how they would pay an even higher charge. However, there were no signs of the violence that marred last year's poll tax meeting, when a breakaway crowd of youths clashed with police, throwing bricks, sticks and paint bombs. This year only a handful of police officers wre on sight to control the crowd.

☐ Left-wing councillors in Lambeth have drawn up plans to defeat attempts by the Labour party to weaken the influence of the hard left on the council.

Labour's national executive launched an enquiry into the activities of members on the council two weeks ago .

London's buses to be privatised

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to privatise London bus services in the next parliament were announced yesterday by the government.

More public money will be spent on updating the fleet and additions made to the 40 miles of bus lane within the next two years to attract buyers for London Buses Ltd, its 12 subsidiaries and 50 garages.

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, published his proposals in *A Bus Strategy for London* for two months of consultation, predicting that deregulation would help to make services more reliable and so attract more passengers.

He said the London concessionary fares scheme would be preserved and subsidies given for operators to run socially necessary but unprofitable routes. A central agency would be set up to co-ordinate timetables, information on fares and deal with cross-borough responsibilities.

However Robert Adley, vice-chairman of the Conservative backbench transport committee, condemned the plan as a recipe for chaos and congestion. He said: "This plan is the legacy of those who care more about party policy than they do about public transport. The reasons why total deregulation was abolished in the 1930s were because it led to chaos and congestion then. If anybody believes there are fewer cars than in the 1930s they are blind."

London Buses and the subsidiaries, which employ nearly 20,000 staff and own 50 garages, were left out of the government's 1985 bus deregulation because of London Transport's virtual monopoly on services. Instead the operation was broken up and routes put out to tender.

Launching the consultation paper yesterday Roger Freeman, the public transport minister, denied that deregulation would lead to chaos or the end of tickets covering all bus journeys and trips by train and bus. Instead he backed a cashless system, as in Paris, and more small buses in place of double deckers.

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DAVID HARTLEY

Sad day: The Queen Mother leaving Lambourn church after a memorial service for Fulke Walwyn, her racehorse trainer, yesterday. Many leading figures from the racing world were at the service in the Berkshire racing village. The Queen was represented by Sir Piers Bengough. Brigadier Andrew Parker-Bowles represented the Jockey Club. Mr Walwyn had trained the Queen Mother's horses since 1973 and when he died she described him as a "dear and wonderful friend".

Travel firms scramble for ILG bookings

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

LEADING tour operators were yesterday offering financial incentives to travel agents to persuade up to 400,000 customers of failed ILG companies to book with them as the scramble to cash in on Britain's biggest travel collapse gathered pace.

High Street travel agents were being offered up to £10 per passenger if they switched customers who had booked with Intasun, Club 18-30, Select, Global and six other companies in the group to a particular rival. "It is as if ILG's customers are being bought and sold as some kind of commodity" one leading travel organiser said. "There is a real battle going on in the High Street today with the survivors determined to grab what they can from the failed ILG companies."

Rivals such as Thomson, which will now become the dominant force in the British travel industry, Owners Abroad and Airtours hope that within the next few days they will have swept up all the ILG customers who had already made bookings, as well as ensured that their summer packages are virtually sold out.

The collapse of ILG and Air Europe should guarantee that the surviving travel companies and other charter airlines are able to operate at full capacity this summer, in spite of the expected 15 per cent drop in the number of people taking a package holiday.

Charles Newbold, managing director of Thomson Holidays, said that there would be very few last-minute bargains on offer. The ILG failure presented big opportunities to rival companies and airlines, he said.

Mr Newbold added, however: "Some travel agents have lost a major supplier and some could go out of business as a direct result of all this."

Travel agents have been eager to take up the best offer they can get from the tour operators because many of them lost money by waiving deposits due from customers who had booked. The down-payment demanded by the tour operator when a holiday is booked was met by the agents themselves.

It is estimated that up to £24 million was lost in this way by travel agents who had been keen to boost bookings after the Gulf War.

Tour staff under fire in survey

By PETER VICTOR

HOLIDAY representatives are often rude, unhelpful and flippant, a Consumers' Association survey of almost 57,000 passengers has found. They also fail to inform travellers about delays or changes, miss appointments to discuss problems and sometimes ignore the problems, the survey says.

One in seven customers who took package holidays between September 1989 and September 1990 said they were unhappy with their resort representative. Some staff "pushed" excursions to earn extra commission.

Patricia Yates, editor of the association's publication *Holiday Which?*, said: "Reps have a duty to their clients and should be there to help solve clients' problems, not just to make money out of them."

The Association of British Travel Agents said, however, that bad representatives were the exception. "Any reputable company will make sure its people are the best to keep customers happy," it said.

MP 'died after wrong diagnosis'

A Labour MP who died of a heart attack minutes after leaving hospital could have survived if he had been kept in, a surgeon told an inquest at Liverpool yesterday. Philip Simms, director of the accident and emergency department at Walton hospital, Liverpool, said that the doctor who examined Mike Carr, aged 43, made an incorrect diagnosis.

The MP for Bootle was taken to hospital last July complaining of chest and neck pains. He was released after examination and died soon after arriving home by taxi.

Mr Simms said: "He was not admitted because the doctor was convinced that this was not a myocardial infarction pain, and that Mr Carr had hyperventilation syndrome." He said that Mr Carr would probably have still suffered the heart attack but would not necessarily have died had he been admitted. The inquest continues today.

Hospital attack

A security review was under way at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, after a night intruder attacked a visitor in her room. The woman, aged 26, was staying at the 700-bed hospital while her daughter, aged five, was recovering from an operation, police said. An Afro-Caribbean man followed her to her room, forced her on to the bed and attempted an indecent assault before being disturbed by a noise.

£600,000 award

A father-of-two who suffered brain damage during a routine spinal decompression operation was awarded £600,000 compensation by a High Court judge in Newcastle yesterday. Kenneth Stanness, aged 57, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, a former rigger, was a fit, healthy man before hurting his back at work in February 1982, the court heard. Sunderland Health Authority admitted liability.

Woman survives

A woman suffered only minor cuts when she was dragged along a railway clinging to the back of an express train. The woman, aged 24, from Doncaster, laid down between the rails near Goole station, Humberside. The driver braked but the train went over her. She grabbed its rear light and was pulled several yards. The driver found her still clinging to the light, with only minor cuts to her ankles.

Talented sisters

Two sisters have won young journalist of the year awards and picked up their next assignments – in Kenya. Dora Wood, aged 12, and her sister Lucy, aged ten, from Brighton, East Sussex, are senior and junior winners of the award, which encourages children to learn about blindness and its treatment. The competition was organised by the young people's paper *Early Times* with the charity Sight Savers.

CORRECTION

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£1m sports grant to coach young

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE government is to give £1 million for extra-curricular coaching for children and for improving sporting opportunities for the disabled.

A total of 3,500 children in about ten sports will benefit from the £700,000 pilot scheme, which will be run by the National Coaching Foundation. The remaining £300,000 will be spent on the disabled. The coaching scheme will offer quality instruction to children aged 11 to 14 selected from schools in twenty local authorities.

The list of sports has yet to be finalised but will probably included cricket, swimming, tennis, hockey, rugby union, football, netball, basketball, table tennis and badminton.

Mr Atkins, the sports minister, said that the £1 million could only be a beginning and he urged sporting bodies and local authorities to do more for school sport.

Half of the £300,000 for the disabled will be spent on the government's review on people with disabilities. The remainder will be used to strengthen extra-curricular sporting opportunities.

Atkins: seeking more help for school sport

ICI workers may get pay rise 6% above inflation

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

UNION leaders representing 23,000 workers at ICI are considering a pay offer which would give them a 12 per cent pay rise over a two-year period in addition to basic increases determined by inflation.

Once agreement is reached, it would mean ICI workers having pay rises of at least 6 per cent above inflation when they negotiated their next pay round. If accepted, the deal would cause concern to government ministers who have been saying that settlements above inflation will cost jobs. The settlement towards which ICI and the unions appear to be heading would act as a target level for negotiators in other industries.

Yesterday, ICI appeared to be satisfied with the offer, saying that the money would buy out restrictive practices and significantly improve productivity. Fred Higgs, the transport unions' officer for chemicals, said: "Provided we can negotiate the appropriate improvements in terms and conditions, we seek this agreement as a major step forward which would give the company and our members an opportunity of facing this new decade with an agreement as good as any in the UK manufacturing sector.

"We are seeking a greater reduction in the working week with an earlier implementation date, and a larger basic rate increase, with a reduction in the time for its phased introduction." Mr Higgs said that agreement had been reached on a new approach to training and education, including vocational training, which would allow flexibility.

● The government is urged by the Low Pay Unit today to decrease in the budget the rate for tax for those on low incomes by 15 per cent to enable them to climb above the Council of Europe's decency threshold which in Britain is equal to a basic wage of £179 a week.

A report by the unit estimated that the proportion of income paid in tax by a family on half average earnings, at present about £240 a week, has increased by a third over the past ten years. In the same period the numbers in the "poverty trap" of taxes and means tested benefits have increased by 100,000, the unit said. According to the unit, the poorest tax payers, on incomes below £5,000 a year, received income tax cuts of only £2 a week during the past ten years while those earning more than £70,000 benefitted to the sum of £700 a week.

Chris Pond, director of the unit said: "John Major has said he wants to movbe Britain towards a classless society. Ten per cent of the population still owns half the nation's wealth, while the poorer half of the population owns between them only six per cent."

Pocket-money levels on the increase

By PETER VICTOR

CHILDREN have more money in their pockets than ever before. A survey by a confectionery company, published today, says children aged between five and 16 are receiving the highest average amount to date.

The survey suggests that Britain's eight million children receive an average of £4.41 a week. The Social Services (Gallup Poll) survey sampled 882 parents of 1,392 children during January

Pocket-money from parents or guardians has reached an average of £1.69 a week, 13 per cent more than a year ago. Eight to ten year olds received 44 per cent more over the past year while 14 to 16 year olds got 1 per cent more.

Egalitarianism has yet to reach the pocket-money stakes and boys, as in previous years, received slightly more than girls, who for the second year running made up ground. The gap between amounts given to the two sexes stands at three pence. Children's earnings for this year have increased by 37 per cent. Boys increased their lead over girls, earning £1.27 compared with £1.08.

Handouts from friends and relatives increased by 45 per cent. Boys again receive more than girls, with a 23 per cent increase. Those aged between 14 and 16 saw a decrease of 13 per cent, while 11 to 13 year olds receive 67 per cent more.

Young people in London and the South-East are doing particularly well, moving up the national league table from fourth place, to second after Scotland. Their average total weekly income increased to £4.41, with a 34 per cent increase in parental pocket-money and 45 per cent more in handouts from friends and relatives.

Children are most likely to spend their money on food, according to the survey. The next most likely use is saving. Of those surveyed 44 per cent were said to buy crisps, sweets and ice cream while 26 per cent added their money to existing savings.

Average Weekly Pocket Money 90/91

Age	5-7	8-10	11-13	14-16
90	74p	99p	£1.84	£2.85
91	64p	£1.43	£2.16	£2.89

Average Weekly Pocket Money by Region 90/91

Region	London & South	Midlands/ Anglia	Wales & S West	North & North E	North West	Scotland
90	£1.43	£1.93	£1.26	£1.42	£1.36	£1.45
91	£1.91	£1.62	£1.28	£1.77	£1.32	£2.20

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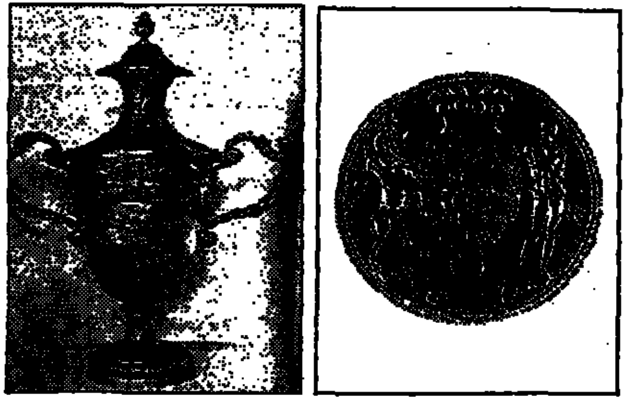
Butler and maid jailed for theft of family fortune

By PETER DAVENPORT

THE butler and maid to the Marchioness of Zetland stole a collection of antiques, family silver and jewels worth more than a million pounds from their elderly employer, a court was told yesterday.

Paul Bennett and Margaret Russell removed the haul from a strongroom at the Zetland ancestral home at Richmond, North Yorkshire, and took it away in a lorry while the marchioness was attending the racing at Ascot and the tennis at Wimbledon.

The couple were laden with debts from a failed garage business when they secured jobs at the marchioness's home, Aske Hall, using false names and references, the court was told. They saw the riches as the solution to their financial problems. Last night Bennett, aged 33 and Russell, aged 38, were each beginning four-year prison sentences after pleading guilty at Teesside crown court to theft and making false statements to obtain passports so that they could flee with the stolen property. David Smedley, aged 45, a former detective, was jailed for nine months after admitting handling stolen goods and helping Russell to avoid arrest.



Stolen treasures: a sporting trophy and silver crest

The court was told yesterday that suspicion soon fell on the butler and maid after the theft of the Zetland family heirlooms, including antique sporting trophies, diamond tiaras, and a £380,000 brooch, was discovered. Bennett, a former mechanic, and Russell, a convent-educated teacher with an English degree, escaped as police began their enquiries.

Guy Whitburn, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Bennett and Russell disliked their employer, Penelope, Marchioness of Zetland, and within a month of taking up their duties had devised the plan to escape with her fortune. Bennett discovered the key to the strongroom and was *astonished by the valuables inside.*

Mr Whitburn said: "Last June, the marchioness went to London to attend Ascot and Wimbledon. The strongroom was shortly thereafter ransacked and stripped bare." Russell sold some of the *valuables to dealers* in London, but one of them became suspicious and alerted the police. When officers called at Aske Hall, Bennett and Russell stalled them before fleeing to Belgium.

Russell later returned to visit her daughter and met *David Smedley*, a friend and former police officer, to whom she gave jewels as security for a £1,000 loan. The next day detectives caught up with and arrested Russell, and when word reached Bennett in Belgium he gave himself up. All the property was recovered.

Les Spittle, for Russell, said: "Mrs Russell wished to cause upset and distress to her employer. The means she saw of doing it was to deprive her of those things valuable to her." Ken Gilliance, for Bennett, said that Bennett had foolishly thought that the treasure could be the answer to their financial problems. "It was a plan doomed to failure — a plan of amateurs."

Plea for man who fears ritual death

By JOHN YOUNG

A HIGH Court judge suggested yesterday that Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, might wish to reconsider a decision to deny asylum to a West African who feared that, if he returned home, he would become a ritual sacrifice.

Mr Justice Rose said that last November, Home Office officials and David Waddington, then home secretary, accepted that the unnamed man, aged 27, from northern Togo might have a genuine fear of returning home. They ruled, however, that the reason for his fear, that he would be killed in an old religious ritual involving ancestor worship, was not covered by the *1951* convention on refugee *status, and he was not entitled* to asylum.

Under the convention, the man had to show that he had a well-founded fear of persecution on religious or political grounds to qualify as a refugee. The Home Office had decided that he had failed to show that his alleged selection as a "candidate for ritual slaughter" was the result of his religious or political beliefs. Yesterday the judge refused the man leave to seek a judicial review of that decision, saying it could not be faulted in law. But there were fresh arguments that should now be considered. Such an exceptional case might be dealt with "outside the rules".

Lawyers had argued that to send the man, now in detention awaiting deportation, back to Togo would breach the European Convention on Human Rights. He was a Muslim member of the Chamba tribe. Most in his village practised the old local religion, which included human sacrifice. He had claimed that uncles and cousins *had been sacrificed, and that he had been warned he was to be the next victim.*

Susan Drucken-Brown, of the department of social anthropology at Cambridge university, submitted new evidence that his family might be particularly vulnerable as *potential sacrifice victims.*

The Home Office said it would consider the judge's recommendations.

Unity of faiths in common cause

By ALAN HAMILTON

THERE can be few more ungodly sounds to the evangelical tendency in the Anglican church than the sing-song Arabic intonation of the Koran Book of Surah drifting upwards from the lips of the muzzein to the soaring English Gothic tracery and fan-vaulting of Westminster Abbey. And in the presence of the supreme governor of the Church of England, at that.

But the Queen is also head of the Commonwealth, a frail club that none the less claims a goodly number of the earth's Muslims in its membership. Ignoring the protests of many Anglicans that she was lending credence to the religious equivalent of a supermarket, and with the Prince of Wales at her side, the Queen yesterday attended the annual observance of faith that marks Commonwealth Day.

A rabbi, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and a Sikh read from their respective scriptures, for religion by whatever name is a universal affliction, and an ecological message may always be found in it. "We have heard noble words from many writings," concluded the Rev John McIndoe of the Church of Scotland.

The Queen and the Prince of Wales processed through the Abbey behind the flags of all 50 Commonwealth nations. A congregation of 2,000 included all the Commonwealth high commissioners, and representatives of the many low-key organisations which cement the club together: the Commonwealth engineers, Commonwealth journalists, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and, newest of all, the Commonwealth dentists.

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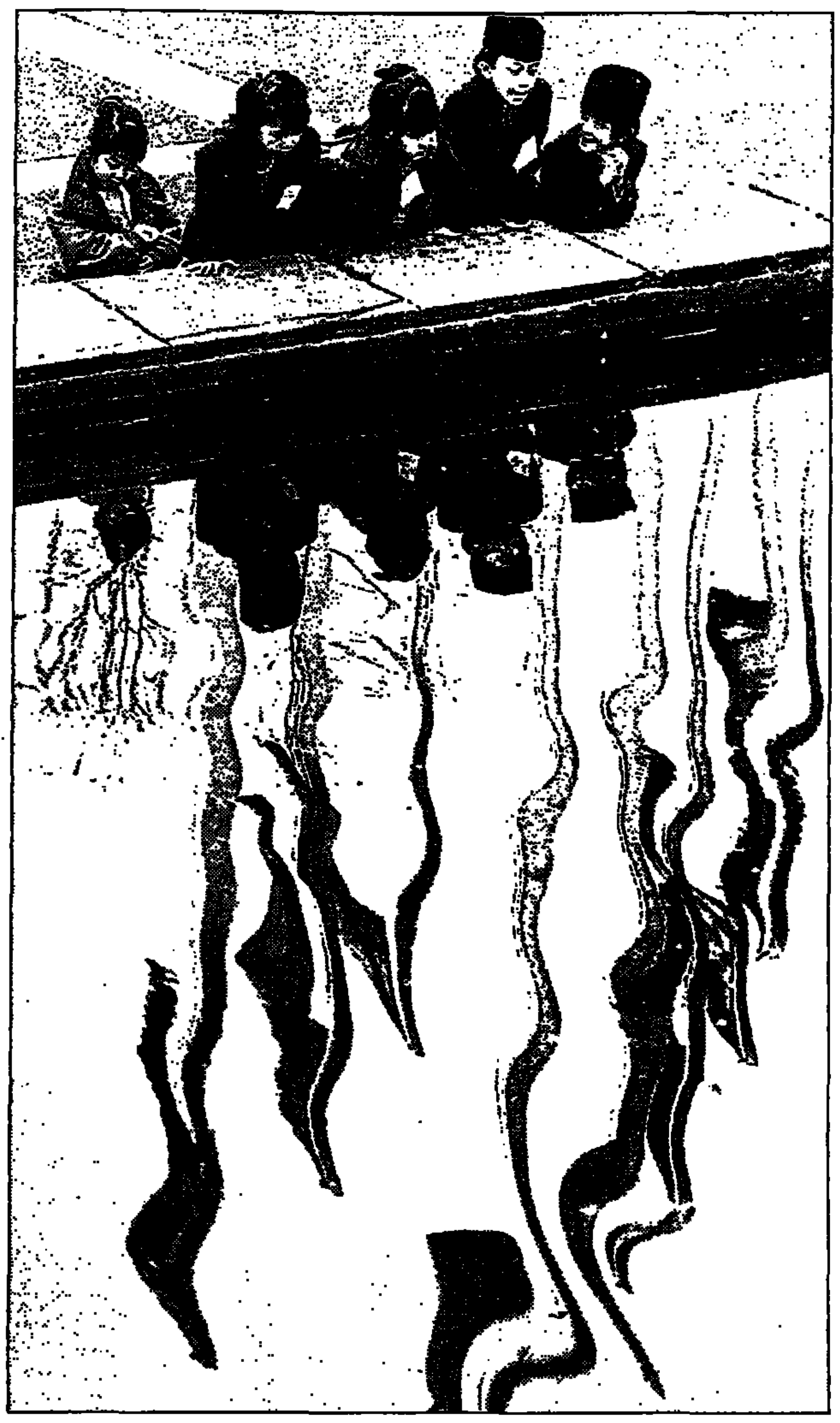


Children of Brunei embassy before joining celebrations at the Commonwealth Institute

Orkney children's GP not consulted

By KERRY GILL

THE Orkney social work department, whose staff seized nine children after allegations that they had suffered ritual sexual abuse, failed to consult the children's family doctor, it emerged last night.

Richard Broadhurst, the general practitioner in St Margaret's Hope on *South Ronaldsay*, the island where the children live, said: "All the children were in good health but no one contacted me before they were taken away. I could see no evidence that they had been involved in any such activities."

The failure to consult Dr Broadhurst was the latest twist in the dispute between the social work authorities and local people who claim that the Butler-Sloss guidelines, which resulted from the enquiry into the Cleveland case, were not adhered to. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish health minister, is to be asked to find out whether the guidelines were followed.

Helen Martini, a doctor and surgeon living on Orkney, said it was clear that the social work department had taken little notice of the guidelines. "The whole way the operation was done, and is continuing to be done, is against the guidelines," she said. "Parents should be kept informed at all stages of the investigations ... but they are not. The families' GP was made aware of what had happened only after the event, that was in breach of *the guidelines.*"

Paul Lee, the social work director, said: "This is neither another Cleveland nor another Rochdale." He countered unease over the dawn visit to seize the children by saying that it was the most practical way to reach them all at once.

Birmingham Six appeal told of detectives' silence

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE investigating the Birmingham Six convictions prepared large dossiers of individual questions for 25 detectives at the heart of the case, but only one officer attempted detailed replies, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

The man who tried to answer the questions was Det Supt George Reade, the former West Midlands police officer who was in charge of the public house bombings case. His junior officers declined to comment. One refused to be seen and others said that they relied on evidence or statements that they had given in the past.

John Evans, chief constable of Devon and Cornwall, and head of the enquiry into the case, told the court on the sixth day of the convicted men's appeal that last year his officers had prepared 7,500 questions for the West Midlands squad that had arrested the Birmingham Six. The questions dealt with general matters and with the actions of individual officers.

The questions were prepared as part of an investigation by his team into the conviction of Richard McIlkenny, Patrick Hill, John Walker, Gerard Hunter, William Power and Hugh Callaghan. They were convicted in 1975 for the IRA bombing of two Birmingham public houses in the autumn of 1974. As a result of work by the team, the men's case was referred back to the court of appeal for a third time. Yesterday, Mr Evans told the court that enquiries last year raised doubts over notes said to be contemporaneous accounts of interviews with McIlkenny. Only one of the four officers involved in the interviews had spoken at length to his team.

Eventually, Mr Reade had been interviewed for more than 14 hours about the McIlkenny interview and the case generally. The other three officers who interviewed McIlkenny had, on the advice of their solicitors, declined to answer questions.

As the Devon and Cornwall case broadened, other officers had been questioned or sent detailed questionnaires with copies of documents from the original case. Mr Evans said that no officer apart from Mr Reade provided answers. He told the court: "Most questions in most cases were completely unanswered." The officers had often replied by referring to what they had said at the original trial or in statements taken when investigations were under way for the last appeal, in 1987.

Mr Evans said he had tried to get answers to questions over discrepancies in the interviews of the Six. He wanted to know why the questioning was so shallow. He wanted to know why the police had not asked the Six about IRA bombings other than the Birmingham attacks, or sought precise details of how they had carried out the attacks.

The appeal continues today.

RUC wanted killings set up, Morrison says

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

BELFAST police officers tried to persuade an informer in the ranks of the IRA to set up two IRA members to be killed by security forces in revenge for a policeman's death, Belfast crown court was told yesterday.

Giving evidence in the third week of his trial, Danny Morrison, former publicity director of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, said he had been told by one of his co-defendants that Alexander Lynch had been threatened that he would be killed by the Loyalist paramilitaries if he did not co-operate with his police handlers. "This story itself is not unusual," Mr Morrison said. He alleged that the threat was made after a police undercover operation, which he described as an attempt to wipe out an IRA unit at a house in north Belfast, had gone wrong when one policeman accidentally shot another.

Mr Morrison said that Mr Lynch's handlers were "looking for revenge" and were putting pressure on him to set up two IRA volunteers who would be shot in what Mr Morrison described as a shoot-to-kill operation.

Mr Morrison, aged 38, from Belfast, and six others deny falsely imprisoning Mr Lynch and of conspiring with others to murder him between January 4 and January 8 last year. The Crown alleges that Mr Morrison was part of an IRA team interrogating Mr Lynch, a member of an IRA intelligence unit who also worked for RUC Special Branch, at a house in west Belfast before shooting him for being an informer.

The Crown says Mr Lynch was rescued by police and army and that Mr Morrison tried to avoid arrest by escaping next door. Yesterday, Mr Morrison denied being at the house to make sure everything was in order before an execution was carried out.

The case continues today.

Boys of 15 locked up 19 hours each day

By QUENTIN COWDRY
HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

FIVE hundred unconvicted young people, some aged only 15, are being locked up for 19 hours a day at the main young offenders' remand centre serving London and the South-east, a report said yesterday.

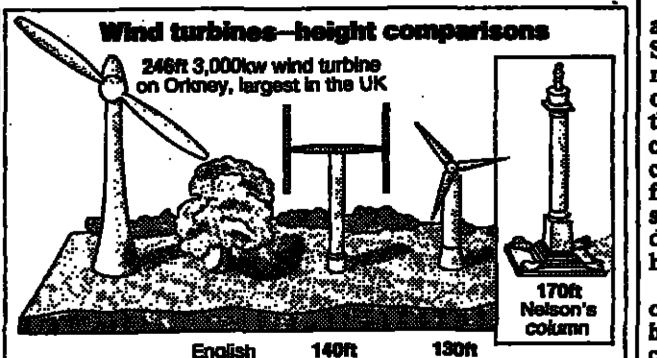
The report, echoing many of the critical findings of the Woolf enquiry on the jail system, said that there were no organised activities or educational classes for remand inmates at Feltham remand centre in west London.

"The centre has, indeed, been fortunate that there has not been a greater incidence of attempted suicides and gestures and that none has ended more seriously," the Feltham board of visitors said in its 990 report.

Conditions for convicted prisoners were better, but still needed urgent improvements. While schemes had been introduced to allow inmates to maintain closer contact with families, there were still only 4 workshop training places for the 256 convicted prisoners, the report said. Many of Feltham's difficulties stemmed from shortages of staff, who are constantly torn between honouring their obligations to escort prisoners to and from court and providing decent regime.

"Insufficient staffing has led to a number of boys not being produced in court. This has resulted in the disruption of the work of the courts and can cause injustice to the boys concerned," the report said.

The report also expressed concern about the number of severely mentally disturbed inmates: such inmates, at present housed in the prison's hospital, should not be in jail. When the report was compiled late last year, Feltham was holding 256 sentenced inmates and about 500 remand prisoners. The prison's present roll includes 17 boys aged between 15 and 16.



Wind turbines—height comparisons
246ft 3,000kw wind turbine on Orkney, largest in the UK
170ft Nelson's column
English Oak
140ft 500kw wind turbine
130ft 330kw wind turbine

Wind farm fears

By JOHN YOUNG

CONCERN about the visual intrusion of wind-powered electricity generators on the rural landscape has been expressed by the Countryside Commission, the government's watchdog body.

The commission says that national parks, areas of outstanding natural beauty and heritage coastal areas should be "no-go areas" for so-called wind farms. It also wants guidelines to be issued as a matter of urgency to local planning authorities, regulatory bodies and developers. "Until such guidance is available, we believe that controversial proposals should not be granted approval," Sir Derek Barber, the commission's chairman, says in a letter to Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary.

The commission acknowledges the attraction of wind power as a clean source of renewable energy. But it is concerned about the visial impact of thousands of generators up to 150ft high.

8.30 train has a mid-Channel halt

Michael Dynes rides to France under the seabed, and grasps the scale of the Eurotunnel project

IT TOOK almost four hours to complete the first public train journey through the Channel tunnel yesterday on a trip reminiscent of the science fiction of Jules Verne.

After descending into the tunnel access shaft at Shakespeare Cliff, we boarded the 8.30am service from Dover to Calais, travelling at about 10mph, 130ft below the seabed. The three-carriage manrider, normally used to carry construction workers, was to take 20 people to France, putting them in the ranks of the few who have made the dry land crossing since the Ice Age 8,000 years ago.

As the train rumbled along the damp, dark, and dusty tunnel, the scale of the task undertaken when the tunnel project began in 1987 became apparent. Millions of tons of chalk have been dug out by giant boring machines, and hundreds of thousands of concrete lining segments have been brought in. Water still seeps through the seabed and into the tunnel at dozens of points, however. "We never expected to construct a watertight tunnel, *some seepage is inevitable,*" Colin Kirkland, Eurotunnel's technical director, said.

We got to the breakthrough point, 14 miles from Dover, at about 11.30am, and were met by a party from Calais going the opposite way, and four empty magnums of Moët. The French had beaten us to the rendezvous, and the champagne booty, but were content to share their cigarettes with the few Britons feeling deprived of nicotine. Unlike the British, the French let their workers smoke and drink.

Once on the French side, we had to walk 250 yards to change trains because the French and British construction trains are incompatible; users of Eurotunnel's services after June 1993 will miss that treat. The sleek, smartly upholstered French trains upstaged the grubby, functional British ones.

We emerged from the access shaft at San Gatte *shortly after midday, glimpsing* the Channel. It was then that we grasped the extent of Eurotunnel's achievement.

Eurotunnel expects to begin marketing its 30-minute service soon. "We assume that the ferry companies have been steadily raising prices since 1985 so that the day the tunnel opens they can offer a 25 per cent discount overnight. That's what we expect to be up against," Mr Kirkland said.

After completion of the two running tunnels for shuttle, passenger and freight trains this summer, Eurotunnel will have less than 24 months to install and test track and power and signalling systems. Then, the battle between Eurotunnel and ferry companies for mastery of the Channel will begin.

● Fifty-five per cent of people say they will try the *tunnel, according to a Lunn* Poly travel agency survey, but only 15 per cent say that it would persuade them to visit the Continent more.

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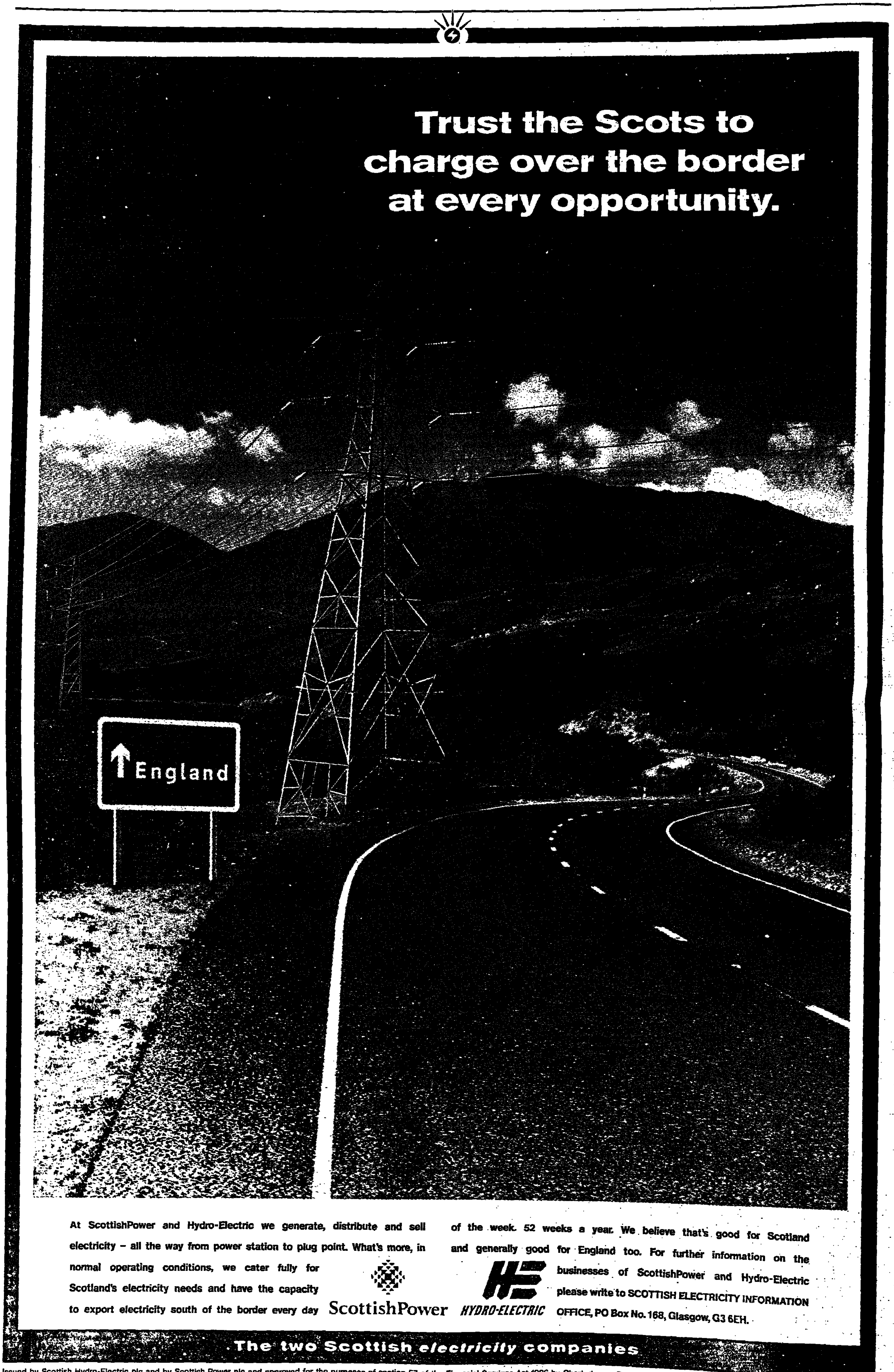

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Prescription charge rise to £3.40 angers GPs

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

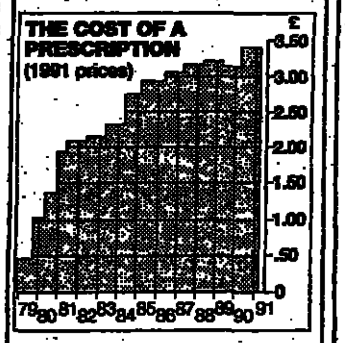
PRESCRIPTION charges are to rise by 35p from April 1 to £3.40 for each item, the government announced yesterday. The move was immediately condemned by the British Medical Association and the Labour party as a tax on the sick.

The 11.4 per cent rise, above the inflation rate, is the 13th increase since the Conservatives came to power in 1979 when a prescribed item cost 20p. Since then, charges have risen 17-fold, with the highest rises in the early years.

Robin Cook, Labour's health spokesman, said: "This is another inflationary own goal. Why should people who are sick and disabled face a higher rate of inflation? Under John Major, Tory policies on health are proving the same old prescription. The public will remember this Tory government as the party of high taxes for the sick."

The British Medical Association said doctors knew of patients who could no longer afford to pay for the medicines prescribed for them. "While the government is tinkering around at the financial edges rather than addressing the real problem of underfunding, some of our most vulnerable patients are being asked to pay more to prop up the NHS," a spokesman said.

The present flat rate prescription charge of £3.05 covers about 45 per cent of the average cost of an item, according to the health department. In 1989 over 350 million items were dispensed, raising £13 million for the National Health Service in England and Wales. Next year drug prescriptions are expected to raise £17 million.



The government justifies the higher-than-inflation increases by arguing that more than 75 per cent of prescriptions are free. However, a study from the Institute of Fiscal Studies last year found that the sharp rises had led to a 40 per cent fall in the number of drugs prescribed. Other studies have shown that if patients were prescribed more than one item, they did not always collect all the drugs from the chemist, claiming they could not afford to pay more than one prescription charge.

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said in the House of Commons yesterday that the fees for four-monthly and annual prepayment certificates would increase from £15.80 and £43.50 to £17.60 and £48.50 respectively. She also announced that the maximum charge for dental work would go up to £200. Patients will continue to pay 75 per cent of the cost of work up to £200. The charge for dental check-ups will stay at £3.45.

Boy dies on trip to Snowdon

A boy aged 13 who became separated from his brother during a family outing to Snowdon was found dead yesterday 2,000ft up the mountainside. Mountain rescue teams with tracker dogs had spent the night searching for Julian Parkes of Edgbaston, West Midlands, who became separated from his 15-year-old brother in the Nant Peris area.

An RAF helicopter crew spotted his body at the bottom of a gully. It is thought he slipped and died from severe head injuries. The alert was raised yesterday afternoon after the boy's father fell while climbing a wall near the roadside and broke his arm. His sons decided to continue while their mother took her husband to hospital in the family's camper van.

When the boys became separated on the mountainside the older boy turned back and found his way down but the younger boy became lost. Rescuers said the brothers were wearing moon boots and were unprepared for the wintry conditions.

Tories' choice

James Clappison, aged 34, a barrister, was named yesterday as Tory prospective parliamentary candidate for Hertsmere, Cecil Parkinson's seat. Mr Parkinson, who is to retire from the Commons at the general election, had a majority of 18,106 in 1987.

Firebird strikes

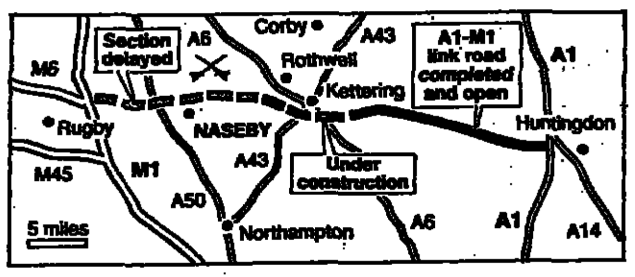
Firemen at Lostock, Greater Manchester, put out a roof blaze caused by a burning cigarette dropped by a bird in its nest.

Victim named

A pilot killed when his light aircraft crashed on Sunday at West Dean, West Sussex, was named yesterday as David Holliday, aged 39, of Derby.

On target

A firm in Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire, has won a £50,000 order to supply longbows to France.



High Court route for Naseby protest

By David Young

THE final shot in the modern Battle of Naseby has not been fired after all. A new appeal against the transport department's plans to build the M1-A1 link road across the historic battlefield has been lodged in the High Court.

It could mean a further delay for the final stretch of the road, which planners and politicians say will revitalise the area's economy but which objectors say will divide the site of the battle that resulted in our system of parliamentary democracy.

Tenders for the 8.7-mile, £27 million stretch were to be invited next month, with work starting in September and the link due for completion in September next year. The rest of the road, from the A1 at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, through Northamptonshire to Kettering, is either open or nearing completion.

However, the Society for the Preservation of the Field of the Battle of Naseby has appealed for a judicial review of a public planning enquiry's recommendation last year that proposed bridges and access roads for the final stretch should be accepted. The appeal, lodged less than 48 hours before the deadline on Friday, could take a year to hear, pushing back the road's completion date to late 1994.

The Naseby villagers who oppose the plans hope that they will be able to use the judicial review to have the route across the battlefield reconsidered. The protesters, who have fought for 15 years to save the site where the forces of Oliver Cromwell defeated those of Charles I in June 1645, say that there is an alternative route.

Sir Charles Rowley, the society's vice-chairman, said that opposition to the route would increase if the scale of the battlefield were more widely recognised. "There is impeccable historical evidence to show that the battle was fought over an area of two square miles, not in the tiny hexagon shape of a few hundred yards which the Department of Transport has used in its exhibitions," he said.

JOHN MANNING

Fashion surprise: Norma Major, the prime minister's wife, visiting the David Fielden stand at the London Designer Show in Chelsea, southwest London, yesterday. Mrs Major chatted to a model and to Walter Koller, behind, partner of David Fielden whose sexy evening clothes and frothy wedding dresses sell around the world. She was guided around the show by Sir Ralph Halpern and John Wilson of the British Fashion Council. Mrs Major, who was recently criticised for her dress sense, said she was surprised at how wearable many of the clothes were. She told Joseph, a leading designer: "I am very conservative in my taste." For her visit she wore a black Windsmoor suit. "This is a new experience for me. I thought it could all be over the top," she said. Later, Arabella Pollen, the designer, said: "Mrs Major seemed genuinely interested in both the fashion and business side." Mrs Major has an A-level in needlework and makes many of her own clothes. She was particularly interested in the sewing techniques employed by the designers, including the pleating on a £1,300 evening dress.

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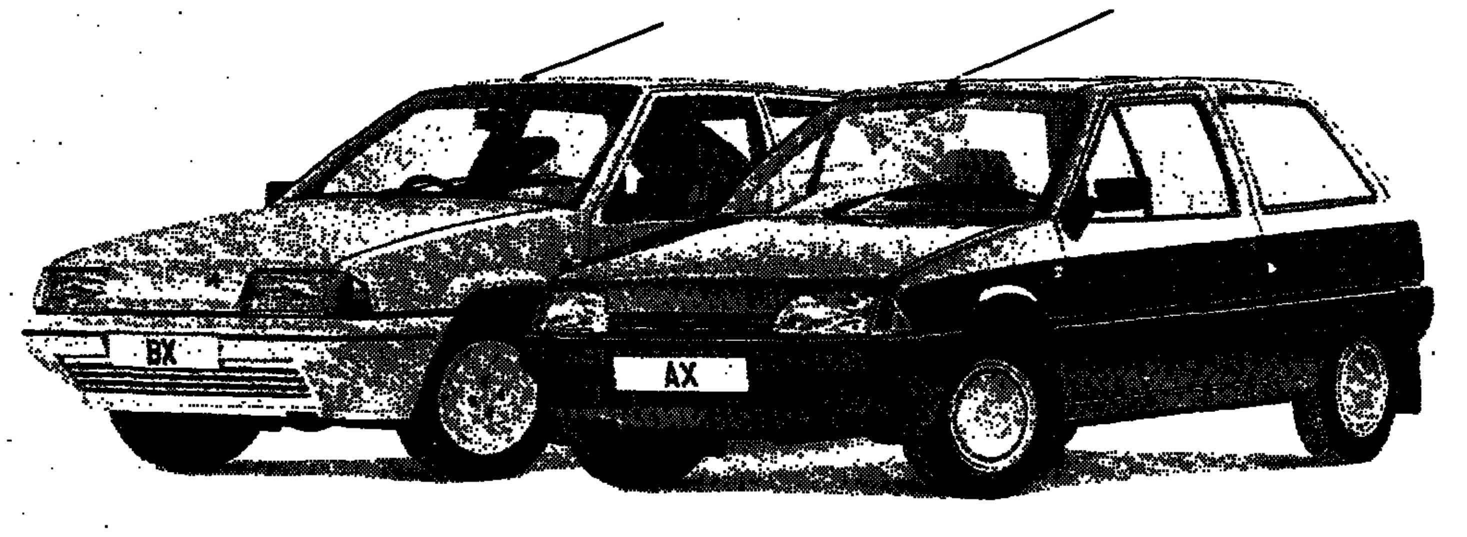
Legal aid reforms 'will deter hundreds'

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

PROPOSED reforms of the legal aid scheme will deter hundreds of people from pursuing their legal rights, the Law Society has said.

The proposals are being considered by officials of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern. Last week he outlined a "safety net" approach to legal aid eligibility, under which all but the most needy would pay their costs up to £2,000 to £3,000, according to means. At that point, depending on the merits of their case, they would become eligible for legal aid.

The Law Society now says that the proposals will deter many people from litigation because the full means test and legal aid merits test will not take place until litigants have first spent their own money. Russell Wallman, head of the society's policy planning team, says in *Law Society Gazette* there is uncertainty about whether legal aid would ultimately be granted and the prospect, if it was not, of a person having to pay opponents' costs.



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Library to open in 1993

Work on the new British Library at St Pancras, north London, is on schedule for the planned opening of the first phase in 1993 and for completion in 1996, Tim Renton, the arts minister, said in a Commons written reply.

The government is investing £450 million in the project which will bring together most of the library's London-based stocks and reading rooms on one site and which will provide improved facilities.

Lower air fares hint

The possibility of lower air fares in 1993, after the introduction of a single market in aviation, was signalled by Malcolm Rifkind, transport secretary, in the Commons.

£35m for arts

Business sponsorship of the arts now stands at more than £35 million a year, Tim Renton, arts minister, said in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Education and Science; prime minister. Planning and compensation bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Criminal justice bill, second reading.

Brooke expected to put time limit on negotiations

By Richard Ford, political correspondent

PETER Brooke is expected to announce this week the fate of his initiative aimed at breaking the political deadlock in Northern Ireland.

The Northern Ireland secretary is understood to be considering outlining a short timescale in which all the outstanding difficulties must be resolved. If it proves impossible to overcome the obstacles within the period, Mr Brooke will put up the shutters on 15 months of talks.

Mr Brooke is expected to take the opportunity of Northern Ireland questions on Thursday to tell MPs the latest state of his initiative. Unionist and nationalist politicans in the province are pessimistic that a breakthrough is possible despite optimism expressed yesterday by Gerry Collins, the Irish Republic's foreign affairs minister.

Mr Collins had a two-hour meeting with Mr Brooke at the Northern Ireland Office in London. Afterwards Mr Collins said that he was cautiously optimistic and that the talks about launching a political initiative were back on the rails.

He added: "I said that it was not going to be easy. It has not been. It is fair to say that it practically went off the rails on more than one occasion. It is encouraging to know we have got it back on the rails and we are probably going to make further progress."

Mr Collins said that there was still a chance of a successful outcome to the initiative, which is aimed at finding an alternative to and replacement for the Anglo-Irish agreement. He said that they had shown determination and flexibility, "particularly having regard to the last mile". There was still a chance of success.

Mr Brooke's initiative envisages talks between parties in the North on a devolved government for the province and discussions on a North-South relationship and on links between London and Dublin.

Two key obstacles remain to be overcome if a satisfactory formula that would allow the start of all-party talks on a future administration for Northern Ireland is to be reached. The difficulties are the timing of the republic's involvement in a series of talks and Unionist insistence that they should attend discussions with the republic's government as part of the United Kingdom delegation.

The Dublin government has accepted that Mr Brooke should act as an arbiter on the timing of Dublin's involvement in a three-tiered set of talks, but it is pressing for a firm timetable for the start of the second set of negotiations that would be on links between Dublin and Belfast.

Despite Mr Collins's optimism yesterday, all parties involved in the initiative are preparing for the end of the present phase of the talking. Each party is positioning itself in an attempt to ensure that it is not blamed for the failure of the latest attempt by a Northern Ireland secretary to start negotiations on a devolved administration for the province.

Further, nobody wants to be blamed for ending yet another attempt to address the wider issue of Anglo-Irish relations and Belfast-Dublin links.

Irish optimism: Gerry Collins (left) looking for progress in talks with Peter Brooke

Usk barrage attacked

A PROPOSED £67 million barrage across the Usk at Newport, Gwent, would have serious adverse effects on fisheries, water quality and wildlife, according to a group formed to oppose the scheme (John Young writes). It says that the plan would result in a build-up of sediment and a fall in water oxygen levels.

A private bill promoted by Newport district council and Gwent county council to allow the construction of a barrage as part of an urban regeneration scheme is to have its second reading in the Lords tomorrow. A similar scheme for the Taff in Cardiff, which is at a more advanced stage, has met similar objections.

Labour opposes Budget tax cuts

By Philip Webster
Chief political correspondent

THE Labour leadership yesterday opposed tax reductions and called on the Chancellor to produce next week a Budget for investment, combining a fresh cut in interest rates, help for training and fiscal incentives for industry.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said that investment must take priority over any further attempts to lower tax rates. The government's stated goal of cutting the basic rate to 20p was "ill considered and economically unwise".

Mr Smith told a City Budget seminar that a Labour government would intervene where the market failed to maximise potential gains for the economy. He said: "We are interventionist, but we do not seek to curtail efficiencies in the market economy."

Labour is to publish its detailed Budget proposals tomorrow. Mr Smith said that the country could not afford to repeat the government's mistake of squandering resources on consumption while investment needs were so great. "The fruits of growth — the national dividend — must be reinvested in our economy in the national interest," he said.

Important advances could be achieved only by a sharp improvement in the level of investment in capital equipment and in the skill of the workforce. Investment was at the heart of Labour's economic strategy. "Growth must be steady and sustainable and not run risks with either inflation or the balance of payments. Excessive expansion, fuelled by runaway consumer credit, has been the downfall of the Conservative economic strategy."

Mr Smith promised that there would be no dashes for growth under the next Labour government. It would seek to balance the key objectives of steady growth, low inflation, sound balance of payments and highest possible levels of employment.

Transport cash blocked

THE policies of all governments over the past 20 years towards the efforts of the GLC to improve London's public transport were attacked in the Commons last night by Ken Livingstone, the former GLC leader. He spoke of the evil hand of the Treasury intervening to block spending on capital projects.

Mr Livingstone, Labour MP for Brent East, said that the capital's transport should be run by a strategic authority elected for the purpose. That, he said, would be responsive to the needs of Londoners.

The "Fares Fair" scheme that he had introduced had brought people back onto public transport and had cut traffic congestion.

The GLC's plan for subsidising British Rail in London where no Tube service was available, and its integrated ticket plan, had been blocked by the Conservative government. In consequence, the people who lost were Tory supporters from the suburbs such as Bromley, Croydon and Hendon.

Michael Shersby, Conservative MP for Uxbridge, said that lack of funding had had serious effects on the quality of day-to-day service and on longer-term investment. It was inconceivable that commercial funding would be available for costs of the present system such as new track for the Victoria line or replacement of old bridges and viaducts. His view, he said, had the support of many Conservative MPs. The basic reason for central government funding being necessary was that much of the capital investment required was simply not attractive commercially.

The suggestion that the money should be raised by increased fares, in real terms, for an uncomfortable service, was extraordinary.

The debate was opened by David Marshall, Labour MP for Glasgow, Shettleston, chairman of the Commons transport committee, who said that 18 months ago the committee had been told that overcrowding was so critical that the Underground would have to increase fares to put people off using the system.

Simon Hughes, Liberal-Democrat MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, said that for three years, underground rail spending had been restrained and even the sums allocated to it had not all been spent.

Rail performance criticised

THE performance of British Rail during the recent bad weather was criticised in the Commons yesterday after Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, told MPs that investment in the railways was at its highest level since 1962. Up to £4 billion was to be spent over the next three years, an increase in real terms of 60 per cent on the previous three years, he said.

Michael Jopling, Conservative MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale, said that huge investment was no use if British Rail could not operate the equipment it already had. Days after the snow had stopped falling British Rail was still running a skeleton service.

Mr Rifkind said that he was waiting for the results of an enquiry into the experience of other countries with similar weather. British Rail was also holding an enquiry.

Robert Adley, Conservative MP for Christchurch, said that governments had always encouraged British Rail to buy British. Were they now free to buy rolling stock and locomotives from countries that had worse weather than experienced in Britain?

Mr Rifkind told him that he would wish to see the travelling public getting the best rolling stock for the money, but it was a matter for British Rail.

Conal Gregory, Conservative MP for York, complained that British Rail had altered the definition of "on time" so that, although many trains were late, they appeared to be on time. That allowed executives to pay themselves more money.

Mr Rifkind said that he noted the comment with interest. British Rail not only had to recognise the need for quality control, but also had to offer acceptable incentives to staff to improve the service.

Compensation scheme likely to double costs

By Christopher Warman, property correspondent

GOVERNMENT proposals that are expected to double the cost of compensating people whose properties lie on the route of new road and rail schemes will be discussed in the House of Commons today when the planning and compensation bill has its second reading.

Pressure to give increased compensation for the compulsory purchase of properties has been growing steadily in recent months with the prospect of a rail link to the Channel tunnel that could affect hundreds of houses in Kent. Under the government's proposals the owner would receive the market value of the property plus a home loss payment of 10 per cent up to a maximum of £15,000, compared with the present maximum of £1,500.

The environment department has estimated that the proposals would increase the cost from £47 million to £97 million. Although the proposed increase has been welcomed generally, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors believes that the bill does not go far enough, complaining that it contains a loophole that means some people will not receive anything in compensation unless the property is taken over. The institution is supporting moves to enable home owners to demand that their homes are purchased by the appropriate government department with full compensation, and wants the 10 per cent payment to have an increased limit of £25,000.

Lady Blatch: Appellants face paying costs

In addition to the compensation proposals, the bill aims to streamline the planning process, saving time and money, and bringing decisions to a local level. The government has, however, already relented on one clause.

The controversial proposal to penalise building companies or individuals who "unreasonably" request a public enquiry or hearing, under which they could have to pay costs, has been dropped. That was criticised by a wide range of organisations, including the Bar and the Law Society which argued that it might dissuade people from appealing against a planning decision.

Accepting that some might be deterred from exercising their right of appeal, Lady Blatch, environment minister, said that the government would not proceed with the proposal. Instead, it has introduced a new clause aimed at preventing people using the appeal procedure to create delays intentionally. Appellants will face having costs awarded against them if their behaviour results in the cancellation of a local enquiry once it has been announced.

She said that at present there was no provision in force in the planning legislation to enable the environment secretary to order that wasted "costs" should be recovered from the party whose action resulted in the cancellation.

The key to the planning part of the bill covers local, county structure and regional plans. When the system is operating, most large schemes would have to gain approval at local and county level to have any chance of success. County structure plans would no longer have to be approved by the environment secretary, and the government hopes that its streamlining measures will save 18 months on the planning process.

Under the new system, there would be a presumption against planning applications that conflict with structure and local plans, and local plans and councils would be expected to follow guidelines on the need for new housing and other development.

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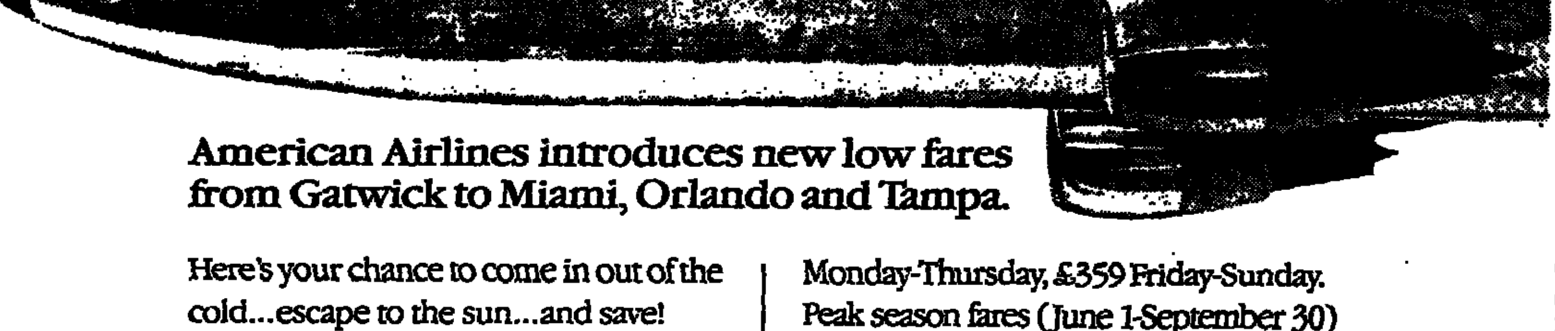

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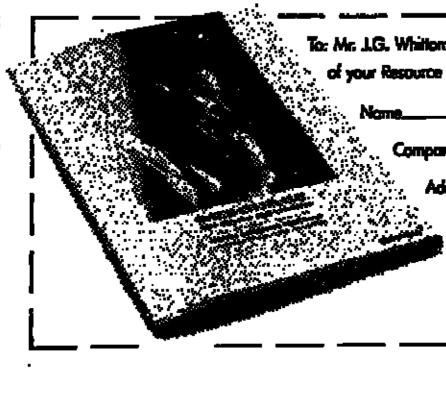

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Major uses Bonn speech to allay Conservative fears

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major firmly aligned himself with the pro-Europeans in the Conservative party yesterday by declaring that his aims for Britain in the European Community were simple. "I want us to be where we belong. At the very heart of Europe, working with our partners in building the future," he said.

The extent of remaining Tory tensions on Europe was underlined, however, when he devoted more of his important Bonn speech to keeping the peace in the party than he did to setting out any new vision to continental Europeans.

Bruges Group Euro-sceptics are urging Mrs Thatcher to stay on in the Commons to lead the fight against any attempt to concede too much to Brussels. In the circumstances, Mr Major, who has chosen to court Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, as an ally in European battles to come, was careful to emphasise that Britain was not turning its back on old friends by embracing new ones. "We have not abandoned our history or our ties with the Commonwealth and the United States," he said.

He was also firm in expounding British reservations against those who would rush the pace of economic and monetary union, saying that monetary policy must for now remain firmly in national hands and that there must be much greater progress towards economic convergence between member states before monetary co-operation should develop.

The prime minister set out limits, too, to the notion of a common foreign and security policy. "Are Germany's relations with the Soviet Union really going to be governed by Europe?" he asked. "What about France's relations with Algeria? Or Britain's responsibilities for Hong Kong?

It was a speech designed to soothe the wilder Tory fears about European take-over and the potential redundancy of the Westminster Parliament while making clear to his party that there was no alternative under his leadership to whole-hearted participation in the community.

He signalled in effect that Britain's future response to European initiatives will be "Yes, but ... " rather than "No" and a later grumbling acquiescence. Where Mrs Thatcher revelled in battle, he is promising that "we want the community to move forward harmoniously".

In keeping with the prime minister's style, the speech was about balance: he sees the diversity of nation states as a vital source of Europe's strength and wants a balance between closer co-operation and respect for their separate institutions.

Mr Major did not, as had been suggested, set out his own vision of the social market or even use the term directly. But he made clear that he is not out of sympathy with the social market language used recently by party chairman Chris Patten in a *Marxism Today* interview.

His speech may have maintained the shell of Thatcherite policies towards Europe, but it was imbued with a different spirit. He talked easily of engendering "the social solidarity of the nation" and of balancing inducements to individualism with obligations. "Some people tend to see individualism and social responsibility as mutually exclusive. We make no such mistake ... the individual achieves his or her full identity in families, in clubs, in schools, in churches, in enterprises, in public service."

He played to the right by emphasising the need for more privatisation and his unwavering belief in the primacy of the market. At the same time he talked of using enterprise to invigorate public services and ,of taking the benefits of market discipline into more areas of social policy.

By calling for a closer relationship between Tories and Christian Democrats at the European parliament, Mr Major made clear his belief in a closer relationship with parties on the Continent than some Westminster Tories have yet been prepared to contemplate. And, while saying that membership of the EC was the "ultimate destiny" of the 64 million East Europeans, the prime minister gave a warning that it would be too expensive for the rest of the EC and perhaps damaging to the East Europeans if they made the leap too soon.

That, perhaps, was yet another symbol of new management. Mrs Thatcher liked to put the emphasis on bringing in the East Europeans as a means of ensuring that the market went wider rather than deeper. Mr Major belongs to a generation which is prepared to contemplate the evolution of a more closely entwined Twelve than ever his predecessor was prepared to contemplate and is not afraid of a deeper EC provided that progress is evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

Patten: using social market language

Prime minister sets out the British agenda

In a partial text of his first important speech abroad, John Major explains his view of Britain's role in Europe

The Conservative party already enjoys immensely warm and profitable relations with the CDU. It is a special kind of relationship, closer I think that with any other party. Politicians of my generation know our Christian Democratic colleagues well ... Let us build on this. As like-minded parties we can achieve great things together in Europe and for Europe. Our MEPs co-operate ever closely in the European parliament; I would like to see that relationship develop further. It must surely make sense for our MEPs to work together in the same team. My aims for Britain in the community can be simply stated. I want us to be where we belong. At the very heart of Europe. Working with our partners in building the future. That is a challenge we take up with enthusiasm.

Today the community is contemplating the course of its future development. That is natural and right. The community is a living institution: it must continually adapt and change to meet new circumstances. We are bringing our own ideas to the intergovernmental conferences on economic and monetary union and political union. And a willingness to discuss both our own ideas and the ideas of our partners openly and positively.

Britain will relish the debate and the argument. That is the essence of doing business in today's community. And we want to arrive at solutions which will enable us to move forward more united, not less.

That is why we think it better that change in the community should be of an evolutionary rather than a revolutionary kind. It would be a tragedy if Europe tried to move so that in the cause of unity it provoked disunity.

So let me set out a British agenda. First, price stability must be prime objective of monetary policy. Whether or not it is sensible to use the same money, surely we can all agree on the need for sound money. As finance minister, I took sterling into the Exchange Rate Mechanism because because I knew membership would help drive inflation down. Germany's own record is of course exemplary; we fully understand the German determination not to move to new arrangements which are less effective.

Second, economic and monetary union must be based on free and open markets. Stage one still has a long way to go before we can proclaim that Europe is truly open for finanace. As the president of the European Commission made clear last month, the community must devote the same energy to its progamme for the single financial area as to proposals for subsequent stages of the EMU process. Third, the development of monetary co-operation must depend on much greater progress towards economic convergence between member states. The gaps at present are simply too wide. To rush forward and ignore them would be to risk economic failure.

Finally, though others in the community may take a different view, we in Britain think it best to reserve judgment on a single currency until later. We cannot accept its imposition. But we are confident that the intergovernmental conference will be able to work out arrangements which protect the right of a future British Parliament to make a decision later.

The key to a common policy is the convergence of interests. All member states have a common interest in building up the community's standing in the world ... That is why Britain has set out ideas for a common foreign and security policy. But this notion has its limits ...

A common foreign and security policy requires consensus. Another necessary condition is recognition of the vital need to keep Atlantic ties strong. As we look at the wide world, the pivotal role of the US is clear – and in the last few dangerous months it has become clearer still. The community must get its relationship with North America right. Germany and Britain have a crucial role here ... The US must remain in Europe ...

John Major, Bonn, 1991

Margaret Thatcher, Bruges, 1988

❛ For many of my generation, Europe was a cause of political inspiration. We were barely adult when, in 1963, Britain's Conservative government made our first application to join the community ... The Conservatives recognised that it was in Europe that Britain's destiny lay; in Europe that we would best be able to secure the welfare and prosperity of our people ❜

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❛ We want to arrive at solutions which will enable us to move forward more united, not less ... There are many things we can and must do in common with our European partners. At the same time, Europe is made up of nation states: their vitality and diversity are sources of strength. The thing is to strike the right balance between closer co-operation and a proper respect for national institutions and traditions ❜

❛ To try to suppress nationhood and concentrate power at the centre of a European conglomerate would be highly damaging and would jeopardise the objectives we seek to achieve. Europe will be stronger precisely because it has France as France, Spain as Spain, Britain, each with its own customs and identity. It would be folly to try to fit them into some sort of identikit European personality ❜

❛ Working more closely together does *not* require power to be centralised in Brussels or decisions to be taken by an appointed bureaucracy ... We have not successfully rolled back the frontiers of the state in Britain, only to see them reimposed at a European level, with a European super-state exercising a new dominance from Brussels ❜

❛ Certainly we want to see Europe more united and with a great sense of common purpose. But it must be in a way which preserves the different traditions, parliamentary powers and sense of national pride in one's own country, for these have been the source of Europe's vitality ❜

Way open for Tory MEPs to join alliance

From GEORGE BROCK
IN BRUSSELS

THE prime minister has nudged Tory MEPs back towards an alliance with continental Christian Democrats more for reasons of *realpolitik* than because of any new-found interest in the European parliament.

The 32 Conservative members found themselves virtually friendless after their losses in the 1989 European election and were forced to form a group by allying with two Danish conservatives. Alliances are critical in the parliament, but the Christian Democrats, the second largest group in the parliament, refused to treat with the followers of Mrs Thatcher. The group, dominated by the large German and Italian parties, is strongly federalist.

The socialists form the parliament's largest bloc; they can be outnumbered only if all three conservative groups combine. British Tories have asked to be re-admitted to the Christian Democratic fold and were promised an answer this spring. But if a powerful Christian Democrat leader such as Helmut Kohl were to support re-admission, the deal would be done.

Mr Major's real purpose in urging merger lies at the level of the heavyweight political leaders. European Community politics over the past few years has seen an increasing trend towards international party alliances. In particular, the co-operation between Christian Democratic leaders has become markedly closer.

A meeting of European Christian Democratic heads of government including Giulio Andreotti (Italy), Ruud Lubbers (The Netherlands), Wilfried Martens (Belgium) and Helmut Kohl decided a common front on monetary union in advance of the Rome summit last October.

The pre-cooked decision powerfully contributed to the *11-1 isolation of Mrs Thatcher at the summit itself, which in* turn helped to contribute to her downfall.

A marriage of parliamentary groups would ease Mr Major's admission to this influential circle.

Delors calls for EC army

From JOHN PHILLIPS
IN PARIS

JACQUES Delors, the president of the European Commission, has called for the European Community to introduce a common military force before 1995 to avoid the "political marginalisation" of the continent.

M Delors told Europe 1 radio on Sunday night that events in the Gulf and Eastern Europe showed: "It is not sufficient to have a strong economy to influence events. You also have to have political and military power."

There would be "other Saddam Husseins, other boat people, other grave sicknesses" that could threaten European prosperity, he said. "A community limited to a big market refusing to resume its responsibilities and ambitions in the world will not be peaceful, will not be able to assure its children that they will live in security."

If Europe was to have a "political personality", it would have to decide on political union entailing "a common foreign policy in certain domains and military co-operation that will lead, before 1995, to the creation of a multilateral rapid intervention force."

Germany welcomes new UK role

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERMANY warmly welcomed Britain to a new leadership role in the European Community yesterday, after John Major told Helmut Kohl that "we belong at the very heart of Europe". This first formal summit between the prime minister and the chancellor began with both men determined to forget past national differences and ended with them agreeing on the need to work closely together with France to build European unity and economic stability.

In an important policy speech afterwards, Mr Major made plain that a new postwar generation was now in political control in Britain, which was determined on "working with our (European) partners in building the future". Both summit and speech were aimed at proving that the government was seeking to play a full part in amicably shaping the development of European union.

Both leaders denied that the meeting had been clouded in any way by the weekend comments from Margaret Thatcher saying that Germany threatened to dominate Europe. "We do not want to dominate anyone," the chancellor said with a broad smile turned at "my friend John". "We know that Europe can only come about if we all show respect for each other."

Mr Major refused to be drawn. "We were discussing my comments today," he said when asked about the views of his predecessor. He did, however, gallantly deny that Mrs Thatcher was anti-European. "If you consider Britain's involvement in Europe ten years ago, it was sharply less than I inherited three months ago. The distinctions people make are innaccurate and I would not view them as you express them."

It was clear, however, that Herr Kohl was delighted by the change in leadership. The personal chemistry between the two of them had worked wonderfully well, he said. Relations had been "extraordinarily good". He did not exclude the possibility of differences in the future, but he was confident that they could be resolved.

The prime minister said that the message of the summit was the warmth with which the two countries had come together in their relationship. "I am sure that Europe is stronger when Britain is at the very centre of it. This has been a good day for Britain, a good day for Germany and a good day for Europe."

As a first proof of the way this new style of relationship was working, Mr Major said there was now much common ground between the two countries on economic union.

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Delhi seeks formula to avoid early elections

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

SIX days after the resignation of Chandra Shekhar, the Indian prime minister, the leading political parties remained locked in a bizarre and so far futile attempt last night to form a new coalition government in the hope of avoiding a general election.

All eyes are on President Venkataraman who will make the final decision on whether to call a poll that almost nobody wants. Rajiv Gandhi, leader of the Congress (I) party, is saying publicly that he is eager for an election, but privately is doing everything possible to avoid one. The former prime minister has been humiliating Mr Chandra Shekhar for months by dictating policies and threatening to topple him, but had no intention of pushing him so hard that he would resign. Even Mr Gandhi's closest aides now say he seriously miscalculated how far he could push the prime minister.

Mr Gandhi was astonished when Mr Chandra Shekhar resigned. His embarrassment is all the greater because the final split was over a trifling dispute about the stationing of two constables outside his house — Mr Gandhi called them "intelligence agents" — possibly on the orders of a cabinet minister acting on his own initiative.

If his resignation were reversed, Mr Chandra Shekhar would probably have to be sworn in again because nobody is quite sure of the constitutional position of a prime minister whose resignation has already been formally accepted.

Attempts to save him are a long shot, with most observers still convinced that an election is unavoidable without a radical, last-minute political realignment. The president has indicated that he is not willing to sanction a simple return to the old formula, whereby Mr Gandhi's big Congress (I) party propped up Mr Chandra Shekhar's tiny Janata Dal (S) party.

There is effectively no political leadership in Delhi while the uncertainty continues. With a show of hands, and no debate, the Lok Sabha (lower house) yesterday unanimously approved vital legislation that will allow the bureaucracy to continue spending public funds for the first four months of the next financial year, beginning on April 1.

Before announcing his decision the president may await the passage of other important legislation, including the extension of emergency rule in Punjab. All business is expected to be completed today. The attempted political horse-trading in the final hours of the dying government has heightened the sense of political chaos in Delhi.

Mr Chandra Shekhar told parliament yesterday that he knew nothing of reported attempts to repair relations between him and Mr Gandhi, although earlier he did say that "anything is possible in politics". Virtually no MP in the 544-member Lok Sabha wants to endure another election so soon after the last one in November 1989, but every party has found it necessary publicly to call for one. Congress MPs, in particular, have appealed to Mr Gandhi to find a face-saving way out.

Venkataraman: will make final decision on poll

El Salvador ruling party holds lead

San Salvador — As expected the governing right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance (Arena) party won an early lead in mid-term national assembly and local elections (Tom Gibb writes).

The surprise came from an unexpectedly high vote for a left-wing coalition which is loosely allied to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front. The result is likely to boost peace talks to end the 11-year-old civil war, giving all sides an incentive to compete in the far more important presidential elections in 1994. With over a third of the votes counted, Arena had around 47 per cent, down from two years ago and possibly not enough to retain its majority in the 84-seat assembly.

Town captured

Nairobi — Ethiopian rebels said they had captured the coastal town of Edd, 100 miles northwest of Assab, the country's second largest port. The Eritrean People's Liberation Front radio, monitored in Nairobi, said Edd was taken by the rebels last Friday and 200 government troops were killed.

Refugee fears

Hong Kong — International talks on Vietnamese refugees will open in Geneva this month to discuss fears about a surge of boat people once the sailing season starts in April. The Foreign Office said Britain, Australia and Canada had issued the invitation to prepare for a formal conference of Asian and Western nations.

Benin poll lead

Cotonou — Nicephore Soglo, the prime minister, has taken the lead in the presidential poll in the West African state of Benin. The 13 candidates include President Kerekou, whose rule was thought to have been ended by the democratic renewal process. *(AFP)*

Split remains

Tokyo — Japan and North Korea remained split on important conditions for re-establishing diplomatic ties after the first day of a second round of talks here. *(AFP)*

Every bit helps: a Pakistani child lends a hand with repairs to the family home in Rawalpindi, where wet weather has threatened the mud houses of poor people

Leaders powerless to stop township killing

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's rival black leaders appear powerless to prevent a smouldering civil war among their followers which is undermining preparations for all-party talks on a new constitution.

Fighting between supporters of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party spread from Alexandra township on the outskirts of Johannesburg to Soweto, south of the city, yesterday, bringing the death toll since the weekend to at least 40.

As troops and riot police imposed a precarious peace in Alexandra, four men were shot and stabbed to death in Soweto. Police came under fire as they confiscated an assortment of weapons from men who had sought refuge in a church hall. They fired back, wounding an assailant.

The sight of crowds armed with spears, meat cleavers and daggers charging through the townships has become familiar since the conflict spread from Natal to the Transvaal last year, and peace calls by their leaders have been ignored.

About 70 people have been killed since Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president, and Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha president, agreed six weeks ago to end hostilities between their organisations, and to establish joint structures to prevent further strife.

A government spokesman said: "It is tragic that the peace accord between the ANC and Inkatha does not yet appear to have filtered through to their members at grassroots level in certain areas." Representatives of the warring parties agreed at a meeting on Sunday to establish lines of communication. However, those involved in the fighting appear to be out of control.

An ANC official said that the groups would be kept apart by troops and police until tempers had cooled.

● LONDON: South Africa will be back in the Commonwealth within two years if apartheid is dismantled, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the secretary-general, said yesterday. *(AFP)*

Literacy of Mandela witness questioned

From OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT IN JOHANNESBURG

THE judge in the trial of Winnie Mandela intervened during the cross-examination of a key prosecution witness yesterday to protect him from criticism of his literacy.

Questioning Kenneth Kgase, who has given evidence against Mrs Mandela, George Bizos, the defence counsel, said: "You are incapable of writing intelligible, literal English. Would you agree with that?" Mr Kgase replied: "Yes, I would." Mr Bizos then asked Mr Kgase to read a paragraph of a letter he had written to a literary agent.

Mr Justice Stegmann interrupted: "If this sort of thing had been done with James Joyce, there are people who would have said it was unintelligible. Is it necessary to embark on literary criticism?" Mr Bizos said his questions were relevant, and he was allowed to proceed.

Peking sets its face against an Oscar

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

HOLLYWOOD is doing battle with Peking over *Judou*, the first Chinese-language film to be nominated for an Oscar. China has banned the film, thus disqualifying it from the Oscar competition and at the same time antagonising America's film world.

Judou has shown in cinemas abroad, but unless it is shown domestically it cannot be considered for the best foreign-language film category. The American film industry is now preparing a petition to express its outrage to the Chinese government. The petition organiser is the film's American distributor, Miramax, which has other than altruistic reasons for its anger over the decision.

Film-makers abroad cannot understand why the Chinese government is not overjoyed that a Chinese film should receive such recognition. But Peking is determinedly setting its face against both the glitter of the Oscars and against Western concepts of film-making in general.

The film takes its name from that of the leading lady. Gong Li, the actress who plays Judou, is the girlfriend of Zhang Yimou, the director, and her scantily-clad, well-endowed physique seems to be part of the film's problem here. Miss Gong is wildly popular in China.

Although *Judou* is being denied a public showing, pirated copies are circulating among Peking's intellectuals, ever eager to foil the censors. Nobody is quite sure why the film has been banned. Some say it is because of the steamy, erotic feel to the film. But the artistically shot *Judou* is not pornographic.

Others believe that the socialist-realist school of film censor is made very nervous by a film in which there are no heroes and man is shown to be, by nature, pretty nasty. Nihilism is not popular among communist ideologues. Still others suggest that the ban is less to do with content than with the power struggles which rage within China's film world, and say that the ban is personal.

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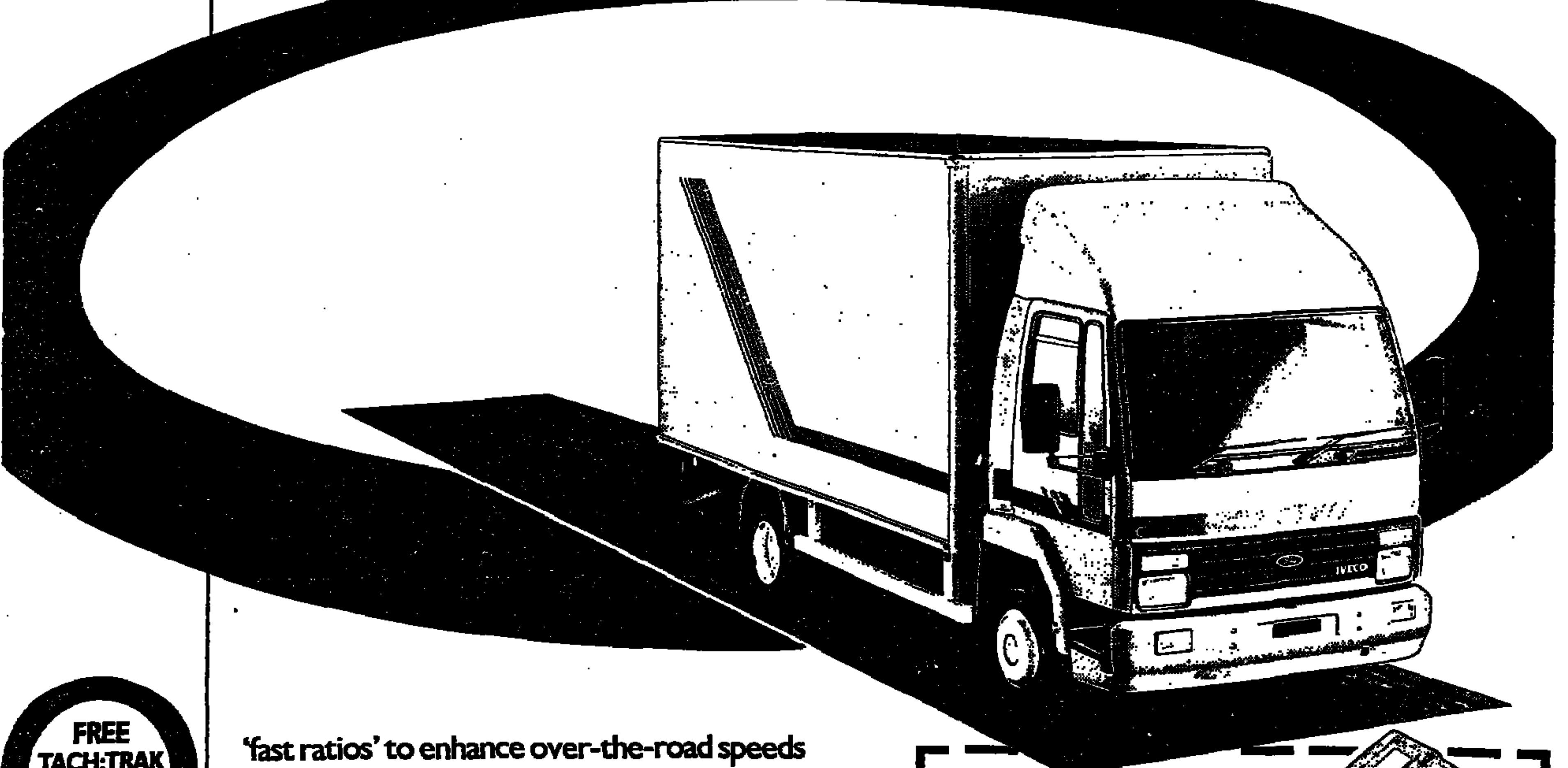

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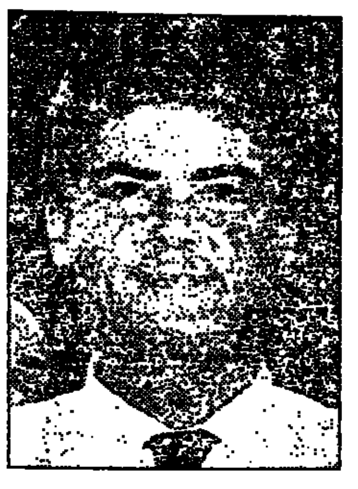

Martelli: problem "cannot fall on the shoulders of Italy"

CLAUDIO Martelli, the Italian deputy prime minister, hinted yesterday that Italy or the European Community might treat the 20,000 Albanian refugees in Italy as a special case, allowing them to stay in the country instead of sending them home.

At a press conference in Brindisi before flying to Tirana for talks with the Albanian government, he made it clear that this option was open. Such a decision would be a surprise, because Signor Martelli had been thought to prefer the tough application of Italy's immigration law, passed last year, for which he was mainly responsible. However, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has urged the Italian government to give all the refugees an opportunity to prove that they are political rather than economic migrants. Signor Martelli's comments came as Brindisi began to get back to normal. The ministry of civil protection and the army appeared to have gained control, but a political row continued over the five-day delay in taking action.

Listing the options for the refugees' future, Signor Martelli said: "We could also decide that Albania is an exceptional case, but that would have to be a clear decision ... a decision to favour a particular country. What is not acceptable is to have a confusion, not calculating the consequences for tomorrow or the day after." There was a danger that making an exception for Albania could lead to an influx from other East European and African countries.

Italy was slow to react to an influx of Albanians, Andrew McEwen reports from Brindisi. Now the government says it may treat them as a special case

Signor Martelli said the Albanian problem "cannot all fall on the shoulders of Italy". Representatives of the European Community and the UNHCR were to accompany him into Albania, underlining the international nature of the problem. He acknowledged that Italy had not been well prepared for the invasion and appealed for understanding by comparing it with the problems Hong Kong faced over the Vietnamese boat people.

Asked why the army and the ministry of civil protection had reacted slowly, he said the army was mainly a conscript force and the ministry was set up to deal with natural disasters. Special trains continued to move refugees to camps in Sicily, Naples, Venice, Friuli and other areas yesterday while the rest have been given food and shelter in schools and campsites.

Several hundred have left of their own accord, catching trains or hitching lifts to other parts of Italy. They are expected to seek work and will have a good chance of invading attempts to find them. Border police at the Brenner pass arrested 17 trying to cross into Austria. Others are thought to have entered France, whose border with Italy is loosely controlled. Italy is part of a pact with France, Germany, The Netherlands and Luxembourg allowing for free circulation with minimal border formalities.

An Albanian trawler, the Nafetari, arrived in Brindisi yesterday carring a delegation of nine officials from the port of Durres, seeking permission for 18 vessels which took the refugees to Italy, to leave. The vessels have been impounded in the port, and a spokesman said guarantees that they would not be used again for refugees would be needed before they could be released. He said that the freighter Tirana, which left on Sunday with 2,000 refugees on board returning home, had been treated as a special case because of insanitary conditions on board.

Signor Martelli said the Italian government had sought assurances from Tirana that the refugees would not be mistreated.

● VIENNA: Members of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights have described conditions in Albanian prisons as subhuman, an Albanian opposition spokesman said yesterday.

Genc Pollo, spokesman for the Democratic party, said the first Western human rights monitors to visit Albania had expressed concern about prisoners' treatment after touring three jails, including the infamous Burrel prison. *(AP)*

Soviet hardliners shrink from tough action on Yeltsin

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

CONSERVATIVE Soviet politicians yesterday castigated Boris Yeltsin's frontal attack on President Gorbachev, but unexpectedly drew back from further action against the Russian Federation leader and suspended parliament until after Sunday's plebiscite.

The haste with which MPs abandoned their broadside against Mr Yeltsin and left for their constituencies suggested real fear that the popular Russian politician's verbal "declaration of war" against the Soviet leadership was striking a chord among voters. In an unscheduled early morning discussion, the communist MP, Viktor Lisitsky, accused the Russian Federation president of making "a direct appeal for pogroms".

The parliamentary chairman, Anatoli Lukyanov, a key aide to President Gorbachev, agreed to play deputies a tape-recording of Mr Yeltsin's address to radical supporters. Mr Lukyanov had already, within hours of the speech being made, described it as an irresponsible move at a time of acute social tension, and said that parliament could react sharply.

However, shortly after the tape-recording was heard, the conservative MP Nikolai Engver said there was a danger of inadvertently giving the Russian leader too much publicity, and the idea seemed to gain ground rapidly.

Supporters of Mr Yeltsin, their morale apparently rising after a strong conservative counter-attack earlier this year, held enthusiastic rallies all over Russia on Sunday. They pledged to signal their disapproval of President Gorbachev by voting no to the first question in the forthcoming referendum, which invites voters to approve of a "renewed Soviet federation". At one such meeting, details of which emerged only yesterday, voters in the Urals town of Perm collected 4,000 signatures of support for the Russian president. They pledged to vote no to the first part of the plebiscite, and yes to the second question, which calls for approval of a directly-elected Russian presidency.

Such demonstrations may be causing real alarm to Kremlin conservatives, fuelling the fear that his message is getting through to the provinces despite recent moves by the central authorities to restrict his access to the media. While conservatives hope that Mr Yeltsin, Russian president since last June, has suffered the attrition of office, his best hope is that he can still capitalise on the deep but inchoate sense of discontent that is clearly widespread throughout the country.

Before breaking up, the Soviet parliament secured assurances from top legal officials on one point in Mr Yeltsin's speech which had particularly alarmed Communists. This was his assertion that, after March 15, provincial politicians who combined the post of local council chairman and boss of a regional Communist party cell must choose between one job or another, or else face prosecution.

The prosecutor-general and an official of the constitutional control commission both said that Mr Yeltsin's assertion was legally incorrect, and there would be no grounds for prosecution. The problems that confusion over this point could cause in provincial centres might have been one reason why deputies were so keen to get back to their constituencies.

In his speech on Saturday, Mr Yeltsin had urged supporters to go on to the offensive, forcing local barons to choose between party and state office. After saying that there was a real danger the clock would be turned back to the pre-perestroika period before 1985, he declared: "This may happen unless we do not unite quickly. I believe we should unite, that we should form a broad front and without hesitation go on to the offensive and throw out those people who want to stay on both as first secretaries (of Communist cells) and chairmen of regional assemblies".

Uncertainty over what precisely will happen at Sunday's plebiscite persisted yesterday, as the Moscow legislature took no clear decision on the exact wording of the main question, and the Ukraine decided to add a second question of its own. Citizens will be invited to respond to the question of whether their republic should participate in a new Soviet federation as a sovereign state.

Ukraine miners launch strike

From ROBERT SEELY
IN KIEV

UP TO 120,000 Ukrainian miners began an indefinite strike yesterday to force the republic's government to start negotiations over a pay increase. However, most pits ignored calls by unofficial union leaders to take industrial action and continued working.

The Ukrainian government blamed Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation, for trying to encourage support for the strike and said that the economy had been damaged despite the fact that only some of the republic's 600,000 miners had taken part.

"It is hard to tell how long the strike will last because there is no guarantee that Yeltsin won't stand up and urge the miners to do battle with the system again — it is a question of emotions," a spokesman said. "There is tangible damage to the Ukraine economy which we are currently trying to estimate. However, we are not planning to negotiate and the Soviet prime minister has made it clear that he will make no concessions to the outrageous demands of the miners."

Forty-eight mines out of 250 in the Donbass region of eastern Ukraine are believed to be on strike, including a hard core in the industrial cities of Krasnoarmeysk, Red Army, Pervomaysk and First of May, who have decided to strike until the government has agreed to begin negotiating their political and economic demands. The demands include more than a doubling of pay, sovereignty for the Ukraine and the resignation of President Gorbachev. Another 21 mines in the Lvov region in west Ukraine are also striking in support of the Donbass miners.

Yuri Boldyrev, the miners' leader, said: "Throughout the Donbass region, it is difficult to gauge the situation. The results have been mixed, although the strike will only be a failure if all the mines are forced to return to work."

Mr Boldyrev, who is the chairman of the Donbass region strike committee, accused the Ukrainian government of carrying out a policy of intimidation. "Miners are angry and some have been threatened by official bodies."

Norway praises Vilnius stand

From ANATOL LIEVEN
IN VILNIUS

IN A ceremony to mark the first anniversary of Lithuania's declaration of independence, President Landsbergis yesterday presented declarations to the families of 14 Lithuanians killed in the Soviet military seizure of the television tower in January.

The president was presented with an informally organised "peace prize" from Norway, handed over by the rector of Oslo university. The rector compared Lithuania's stand with the famous one-word response of the Norwegian king when summoned to surrender by the Germans in 1940: "No." He praised the fact that "the Lithuanian people have maintained a position of non-violence ... As defenders of freedom, you have our deepest respect."

Dr Landsbergis described present relations between Vilnius and Moscow as "a small pause". He added: "Perhaps they are waiting for the West to renew its financial credits to a country which makes nice promises not to kill any more people, or perhaps they are building up new forces. Winter has not yet passed." Referring to President Gorbachev's union treaty, to be tested in a referendum on Sunday, he said: "A government which does not respect the law cannot create a constitutional state."

Following their leader: communist supporters brandishing a poster of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, at a rally in Belgrade yesterday organised by communist authorities to counter recent anti-government protests

Serbs lose faith in Milosevic

With events going badly against Slobodan Milosevic, Roger Boyes and Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade fear that the price of Yugoslavia's survival may be the spilling of yet more blood

DEMONSTRATORS poured on to the streets of Belgrade for a third day of protests against Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, yesterday, chanting "Slobo is Saddam".

Something is going badly wrong for Mr Milosevic. The demonstrations almost certainly mark the beginning of the end for the politician who, employing an unholy mixture of nationalism and unreformed communism, has done more than anybody to unravel Yugoslavia's ethnic consensus.

When Mr Milosevic began his campaign against the ethnic Albanians in the province of Kosovo in 1988, he promised Serbs at a rally: "Nobody will ever beat you again." The words have come back to haunt him. Since the weekend Serbian riot police have been beating Serbs and firing water and gas at them.

The popularity of the Serbian party leader, based on promises of a "greater Serbia", have evaporated in only four years. Young Serbs in particular sense his hypocrisy. On Friday Vuk Draskovic, Serbia's main opposition leader who is now under arrest and threatening to begin a hunger strike in jail, offered to discuss with Mr Milosevic opposition demands for a more open, pluralistic television service and to call off the demonstration planned for Saturday.

Mr Milosevic refused the offer and said that, as head of the presidency, he was above any such decision. In any case, the Serbian leader said, if Serbia were serious about democracy, such issues should not be settled on the street.

It is not just students and young workers who are now questioning the role and even the legitimacy of the Serbian president. The elections that brought him back to power in December with such force are now widely regarded as having been rigged.

Belgrade has a natural constituency for an old-guard communist. The hundreds of thousands of the former *nomenklatura*, the political establishment, and most of the leaders of the Yugoslav army supported and trusted Mr Milosevic, but there are suggestions that even part of the military hierarchy might be losing patience with "Slobo". Above all the Serbian leader is seen to have failed his supporters on the issues of economic reform and maintaining living standards.

The Serbian intelligentsia is firmly opposed to Mr Milosevic, although the Academy of Sciences has in the past given him support. Yesterday actors and writers announced a boycott of state-controlled television.

The populist dream has come to an end. The days when echoes of the Serbian empire could stir Belgrade crowds, and demonstrators shouted "to Kosovo with Slobo" are now past. Quite simply, Mr Milosevic has failed to keep his promise to make Serbia great.

This should, on the face of it, be good news for Yugoslavia. If Mr Milosevic were to be replaced by Mr Draskovic, there would still be a strong nationalist strand to Serbian politics. The opposition does, however, have a rational view of the economy and the future of Yugoslavia.

The danger is that the Serbian leader, driven into a corner, will increasingly resort to desperate measures. He once declared: "We have won everything with blood — and we shall keep it, even at the cost of blood." Will Mr Milosevic give ground without spilling more blood? Will that be the price for the survival of Yugoslavia? For the past three days these questions have been fought out on the streets of the Serbian capital.

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Former Greek ministers in dock

Athens — The trial of the former socialist prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, aged 72, began yesterday without its principal defendant and the key prosecution witness, a fugitive banker (Chris Eliou writes).

Mr Papandreou refused to attend the trial or to appoint a lawyer to represent him in connection with the alleged embezzlement in 1988 of £100 million from the privately owned Bank of Crete.

The socialist party leader and four of his former cabinet colleagues are facing charges ranging from embezzlement to receiving stolen money and accepting bribes. When the hearing opened, only three — the former justice minister, Agamemnon Koutsogiorgas, finance minister, Dimitris Tsovolas and public order minister, George Petsos — were in the dock. The fourth, Panayiotis Roumeliotis, a former minister, will be tried separately, provided that the European parliament waives his immunity from arrest as a Euro MP. The trial was adjourned after about half the charges were read and will resume today.

Mr Papandreou, the first civilian prime minister charged with criminal offences while in office, described the trial as a "conspiracy aimed at his political extermination" and said he would not give it even a "gloss of legality" by agreeing to be represented by a lawyer.

Slovak protest

Prague — Tens of thousands of Slovak separatists shouting "Enough of Prague!" staged one of their biggest demonstrations for independence from the Czechoslovak federation in the Slovak National Uprising Square in Slovakia's capital, Bratislava, witnesses said. *(Reuter)*

Smugglers killed

Nicosia — Iran said that anti-drug forces killed 35 smugglers and set four tonnes of morphine worth about £7 million on fire after an ambush on the edge of its central desert. Agents had followed a large convoy of trucks escorted by armed smugglers in the desert for 40 days. *(Reuter)*

Cambodia talks

Peking — All the leading parties involved in the Cambodian conflict, except Phnom Penh and Vietnam, will meet here today in an apparent effort to find a breakthrough in the deadlocked war, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the resistance leader, said. *(AFP)*

Aid worker free

Geneva — A Red Cross worker held by an Afghan opposition faction for nearly two months has been released, and is now safely in Pakistan, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross. Three others are still held by anti-government rebels. *(AP)*

Killer escapes

Tokyo — A taxi driver who confessed to killing his mistress 21 years ago will not face prosecution for murder because the statute of limitations has run out, newspaper reports said. His wife found the remains of his victim in a closet. *(AP)*

Honour restored

The Hague — Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, forced to give up wearing his military uniform 15 years ago over a bribery scandal involving the American aircraft manufacturer Lockheed, has had the honour restored, the Dutch government said. *(Reuter)*

Heirs and good graces as French royalty end quarrel

From JOHN PHILLIPS
IN PARIS

THE pretender to the French crown, the Comte de Paris, has reappointed his son, Prince Henri d'Orléans, as his successor, a spokesman said yesterday.

Aged 82, the count, the great-grandson of Louis Philippe, restored to his son his title and prerogatives as the Comte de Clermont, stripped from him in 1984 after he took the unregal step of divorcing his first wife and marrying Micaela Cousino, who herself was already divorced. In a sign of reconciliation, the Comte de Paris conferred on his new daughter-in-law the title of Princess de Joinville and the right to be addressed as Her Royal Highness.

There was relief in most French monarchist circles at the reconciliation. Some had felt the disinheritance of Prince Henri had been too harsh, especially since the Comte de Paris has long been separated from his own wife, La Comtesse de Paris. The pretender had accused his son of neglecting his five children by his first wife, Marie-Thérèse de Wurtemberg.

In 1987 the Comte de Paris appointed his grandson, Jean d'Orléans, as successor at a ceremony held at the family seat, the Château d'Amboise. Thousands of supporters shouting "Vive Le Roi" protested as the pretender's grandson was charged with "exercising fully the historical rights and duties of the Capetian House" when his grandfather died.

Many monarchists were unhappy with the choice of the count's grandson, who earns his living as a chocolate salesman and seemed bewildered by unexpectedly assuming such heavy responsibilities. Prince Henri, an artist, announced his return to favour during the opening ceremony of an exhibition of his paintings in Paris last Thursday. His father was unable to attend because of a bad cold but sent him a message wishing the show "the beautiful success it deserves".

The balding Prince Henri told his guests: "As of today I become again officially the Comte de Clermont." His wife, newly a princess, said: "A misunderstanding is over. I am very happy. For I am very attached to the unity of the House of France." The only disappointment at the reconciliation was expressed by Louis-Alphonse, the 17-year-old Duc d'Anjou, who represents the rival claims to the French throne of the "legitimists", who date his claim back to the reign of Louis XVI. The Comte de Paris "cannot confer titles on his relatives without the agreement of the King and the head of our ancient Royal House", a Louis-Alphonse spokesman said.

The legitimists also took umbrage at the attempted appointment of a remarried divorcee as a princess. "Micaela Cousino is only married civilly with the Prince Henry d'Orléans and cannot have any position in the house of very Christian kings, who are the eldest sons of the church".

Staunchly republican France paid little attention to the reconciliation. The French often seem more interested in royalty of other nations, such as Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, who received a warm welcome on her first official visit to Paris last week.

Comte de Paris: photograph taken in his prime

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BAKER'S TOUR

Tension high after Arabs killed on eve of Israel talks

By PAUL ADAMS IN JERUSALEM AND SARAH GAUCH IN CAIRO

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, arrived in Israel yesterday hours after Israeli soldiers shot dead six Arab gunmen in the most serious clash in recent years along the Jordan valley. Amid rising tension, provoked by Sunday's killing of four Israeli women by a Palestinian wielding a knife, Mr Baker cancelled a walking tour of Jerusalem's Old City.

In another significant alteration to the secretary of state's schedule, however, a meeting with local Palestinian leaders has now been added. The meeting may take place this afternoon.

The encounter with Palestinians, including the leading nationalist in East Jerusalem, Faisal Husseini, is tantamount to meeting the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The PLO's leadership in Tunis confirmed yesterday that it had given its approval to the meeting. The delegation will consist of PLO sympathisers.

The Jordan valley clash happened early yesterday morning close to the Tirat Tsvi kibbutz, about 50 miles northeast of Jerusalem. In a two-hour exchange of fire six Arabs were shot dead and three Israelis wounded. The gunmen were more heavily armed than usual, and carried rocket-propelled grenades, Kalashnikov rifles and explosives. They were said also to be carrying copies of the Koran. An army spokesman said he could not remember when so many gunmen had been killed trying to infiltrate Israel.

Security was tight as Mr Baker arrived in Israel. Extra police were on duty in Jerusalem and Palestinians from the occupied territories were barred from the city before Mr Baker arrived from Cairo, where he had criticised the PLO for its support of Iraq during the Gulf war. He said Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, had made a fundamental error in embracing President Saddam Hussein and his aggression against a "small Arab brother".

In his talks in Cairo with President Mubarak, Mr Baker discussed the role Egypt could play in promoting an Arab-Israeli peace. Cairo was attempting to set up talks between Tel Aviv and the PLO before the Gulf conflict began. Mr Baker and Mr Mubarak also discussed security arrangements in the Gulf. Egypt, with 35,000 troops already in the Gulf, says it expects to send more soldiers and military equipment to police the region after US and other Western forces withdraw.

Also on the Cairo agenda was financial assistance for Egypt. The United States and the Gulf countries combined have already forgiven nearly $14 billion (£7.5 billion) of Egypt's debt. In Israel yesterday, emotions spilled over in several places. A curfew was imposed on the Shufat refugee camp on the edge of Jerusalem after what Israel Radio described as serious riots. In Ramallah, a Palestinian woman was shot and seriously injured.

The prospect of a meeting between Mr Baker and Palestinian leaders is likely to add a note of urgency to the secretary of state's discussions this morning with Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, and Moshe Arens, the defence minister. The cabinet on Sunday decided to stand by the previous coalition government's peace initiative of May 1989. This calls for elections in the occupied territories, but specifically rules out contacts with the PLO and Palestinian independence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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Husseini: PLO approves of his meeting with Baker

Baghdad rejects prisoners

Riyadh — About 500 Iraqi prisoners of war who were to be repatriated yesterday were taken to the transfer point near the Iraq-Kuwait border but Iraq refused to take them.

Lieutenant-Colonel Muhammad Rashid of the Saudi air force said the prisoners would be held at a site near the border for some days until they were accepted by Baghdad or returned to Saudi custody. He said Iraq was apparently having trouble finding transport for the prisoners and had asked for help with fuel. *(AFP)*

Iraqi denial

New York — The Iraqi government denied yesterday that it had used or authorised the use of chemical weapons to crush the uprising against President Saddam Hussein. The United Nations mission denied that Iraq had ever used such weapons "inside Iraq". Newspaper reports at the weekend said Iraq had authorised the use of chemicals against rebellious Shia Muslims and Kurds. *(AP)*

Iranian claim

Ankara — Iran ruled out keeping Iraqi planes flown to its territory during the war as part of a $900 billion (£486 billion) reparations claim. Iran's first vice-president, Hassan Ebrahim Habibi, said at the end of a visit to Turkey: "Rumours that the planes will be kept to compensate for our losses during the 1980-88 war are not true. Our losses are $900 billion and we will ask for all of it." *(Reuter)*

Mines cleared

London — British navy divers expect to clear Iraqi mines to provide a channel for relief ships into Kuwait harbour by today, Commander Jon Scoles said. Oil-contamination is hampering the use of a remote controlled device to explode the mines and the divers are reduced to "finger-touch searching" in black water.

Sites spared

Paris — Iraq's main archaeological sites escaped significant damage in the war, Federico Mayor, director-general of Unesco, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, said. The region between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers contains some of the world's most important sites. *(Reuter)*

Faces of despair: the mother of Rosa Eliasfur and a relative grieving at her funeral in Jerusalem. Rosa was one of four Israelis killed by a Palestinian on Sunday

IRAQ

Rebels threaten Kirkuk and hold part of Basra

From CLAUDE SALHANI IN SAFWAN

IRAQI rebels are still holding half the city of Basra while Kurdish insurgents are threatening the oil city of Kirkuk, according to rebels and refugees.

"Half the city (Basra) is controlled by the resistance and the other half by the army," said one of two refugees who reached an American military checkpoint a few miles south of Safwan. "The army is using tanks to crush the uprising," he said.

Basra, Iraq's second largest city, was without petrol and most shops were closed, the men said. They believed President Saddam Hussein's troops would eventually recapture the city because of their superior arms.

Kurdish rebels in the north say the key oil-producing centre of Kirkuk is almost within their grasp.

At an international conference seeking the overthrow of Saddam in Beirut the Shia Muslim leader, Ayatollah Taqi al-Mudarresi, said: "I have sent letters to the world's religious leaders, including the Pope, to prevent Saddam's criminal regime from massacring the Iraqi people." He added that there is a "strong possibility that Saddam would use chemical weapons to quell the uprising in Karbala and other parts of Iraq."

Karbala is revered by Shia Muslims as the burial place of Imam Hussein, grandson of Muhammad.

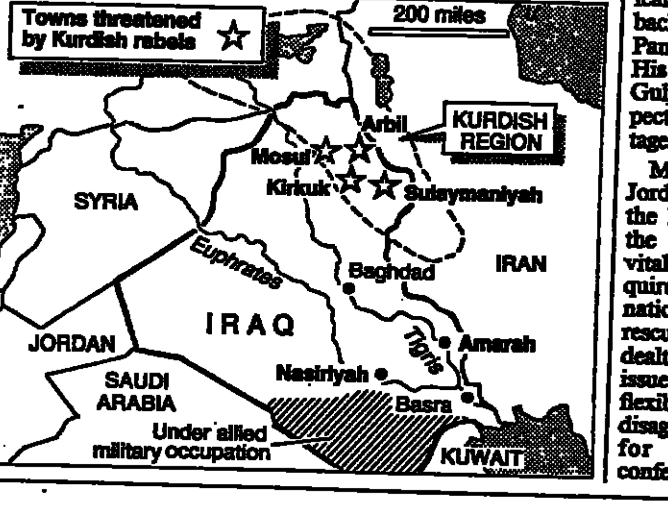
Key army units, especially the Republican Guard, recruited from Saddam's own Sunni Muslim majority, remained loyal to their leader, counter-attacking with tanks and heavy artillery.

Iraq's official media have ignored the uprisings while reporting trips by Saddam's senior colleagues to praise the president and appeal for national unity in various provinces. Izzat Ibrahim, vice-chairman of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council, was said to have visited Kahla, near Al Amarah, one of the centres of revolt in the southeast. "The people sang songs expressing their pride in Iraq and its leader, President Saddam Hussein," Baghdad radio said.

Opposition groups outside the country claim followers were holding up to 30 cities and hundreds of villages and that military units up to division size have defected to the rebels. They accuse Saddam of a scorched earth policy and of using, or preparing to use, poison gas.

They also claim that the uprising has now spread through dozens of cities and towns in Iraq's Shia Muslim heartland, as well as the Kurdish north.

In Damascus, Bayan Jabr, a member of the Shia Supreme Assembly for the Islamic Revolution in Iran, claimed that Taha Yassin Ramadan, a member of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council, was killed by Saddam's bodyguards when he shot the Iraqi dictator in the right hand in an assassination attempt. He did not say when the alleged killing took place. *(Reuter)*



JORDAN

UK says Amman to play key role

By ADAM KELLIHER IN AMMAN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

DOUGLAS Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, said yesterday that he hoped that Jordan would "return to the fold" after its mistake of supporting Iraq during the Gulf war. He told a press conference here that he believed his talks with Crown Prince Hassan, Taher al-Masri, the foreign minister, and Basel Jaradneh, the finance minister, had put Anglo-Jordanian relations back on a friendlier footing.

"I think that the government of Jordan made a mistake in associating itself with Saddam Hussein," he said. "They have expressed support for a man whose policies were a disaster for his own country, were wrong in principle, and were disastrous for the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation). I can think of no worse ally than Saddam Hussein."

Mr Hogg said Jordan "unquestionably" wished to end its alienation, and declared the kingdom would have "a very significant role" in any possible agreement between Israel and the Palestinians and should be included in any talks.

Jordan's backing of the loser has left it excluded from the diplomatic manoeuvres, but London and Washington are anxious to bolster King Husain, whose moderate rule is more agreeable than what could spring from pro-Islamic passions sweeping over the country.

Prince Hassan said the end of the Gulf war presented an opportunity to solve the Arab-Israeli issue with economic as well as political solutions. "There is a window of opportunity of one year," he said at the weekend. "Maybe some Israelis think they can wait out that year. That is a major miscalculation in terms of regional stability and in terms of Israel becoming a part of the Middle East region."

Mr Hogg said he hoped to meet King Husain before departing for Damascus, where he will see Syria's foreign minister and other officials today.

The British minister said he would not be discussing the Lockerbie air disaster because he did not think it an opportune time to bring up the 1988 terrorist attack in which radicals, reportedly with Syrian backing, planted a bomb in a PanAm jet, killing 270 people. His agenda would include Gulf security and the prospects for freeing British hostages in Lebanon.

Mr Hogg said his talks with Jordan focused on patching up the kingdom's relations with the Gulf states, regarded as vital because Jordan will require financing by the Arab nations in the long term to rescue its economy. Talks also dealt with the Palestinian issue. Jordan had displayed flexibility, but there had been disagreement on the timing for an international conference.

FRANCE

Plea for Palestinian deadline

From JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS

THE international community has six months to begin a real solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem or it would risk running into "real dangers", France says. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, said a peace settlement supervised exclusively by the United States could lead to "a form of international dictatorship".

Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, told *Le Monde* newspaper that "the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a fixation today. It acts like a detonator." He said that President Bush was "conscious of the historic chance" offered by the end of the Gulf war to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. "We will do everything to help."

M Dumas said that American leaders now "accept that a Palestinian entity sees the light of day and that it leads to a state. But they will not accept the constitution of a Palestinian state in no matter what condition."

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said the new world order should be based on "a vigorous application" of the UN charter. "I am convinced that the president of the United States does not have an American peace in mind," he told TF1 television at the weekend. "That would be something unacceptable, a return to the Pax Romana which was of course a form of international dictatorship."

KUWAIT

Spectre of civil war waits in wings as parties weigh reform

From JAMIE DETTMER IN KUWAIT CITY

NOW surrounded by Kuwaitis toting Kalashnikov rifles captured from fleeing Iraqi intelligence officers, Hamad al-Jouaan, one of the most prominent opposition leaders in Kuwait, might have been better served by their protection 11 days ago when a shot felled him in front of his daughter, aged three.

The guards were stationed outside his room in the intensive-care unit at Ibn Cina hospital after the outcry over the attack. Journalists are not prevented from visiting him, but they are not encouraged.

Mr al-Jouaan's passion for democracy is as strong as it was before the assassination attempt that has left him paralysed from the waist down. "I got shot not because of who I am but what I represent," he said. "I was shot because I believe in certain powerful ideas."

He is careful to avoid laying the blame for the attack on any members of the ruling al-Sabah family. All he will say is that he was shot on behalf of people who want to return Kuwait to what it was like before the Iraqi invasion.

Mr al-Jouaan, aged 41, was a lawyer before he rose to prominence in the mid-1980s. An investigation he led into the collapse of the country's unofficial stock exchange began to turn up alleged financial abuses by members of the al-Sabah family.

Propped up in bed, he smiled when asked if the al-Sabahs would ignore the calls for democratic reform. "Some sectors in the family are against reform as are some elements in other important families," he said.

Like many other Kuwaiti opposition leaders, he fears the al-Sabah family will not honour the emir's promise to reinstate the suspended 1962 constitution, which allows for a form of parliamentary democracy.

The concern now being shown for Mr al-Jouaan by the al-Sabah family is testimony to his importance in the eyes of many Kuwaitis and to the government's recognition that the way ahead does not lie in the barrel of a gun.

Mr al-Jouaan feels history is going his way. The business class in Kuwait now seems eager for a democratic form of government, probably because it believes resistance to change will destabilise the country. "If change does not come," an adviser to the al-Sane family, one of Kuwait's richest, said, "then there will be civil war."

Many observers of the Kuwaiti political scene doubt that violence will be necessary. The ruling family is likely to listen to other important Kuwait families in judging the mood of the country. Very few people are calling for more than the honouring of the 1962 constitution, but the six factions that make up the opposition have still to agree among themselves the extent of the reforms they want.

Leaders of the factions — two Islamic, a Shia group, left-wing nationalists, democrats and a business movement — are in constant touch with each other. Khaled Sultan bin Issa, a businessman who leads one of the Islamic factions, believes they will agree that the al-Sabahs should remain as monarchs but with little say in the administration of the country. But, he says, if the ruling family tries to continue to shut out the opposition from decisions about reconstruction, then their days are numbered.

It is, however, too early to calculate the strength of feeling about change in the emirate as a whole. Kuwaits are still too emotionally involved in celebrating the driving out of the Iraqis. Every afternoon, along the city area of Corniche, Kuwaitis parade in their cars, waving flags and sounding their horns. But there are already clear signs that the more thoughtful Kuwaitis who stayed during the occupation have felt strengthened by the experience, and are not prepared to hand back to the al-Sabah family dictatorial powers.

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Original sin in a syringe

The medical phenomenon of virgin birth parodies old Christian ideals, says **Karen Armstrong**, a former nun

A virgin who claims that she will probably never make love with a man is about to conceive and bear a child not, this time, in Bethlehem, but in a clinic of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service in Birmingham. Critics have accused this woman of selfishness and irresponsibility. Hers is indeed a startling demonstration of female autonomy and a dramatic rejection of men. But the notion of a virgin birth has religious as well as feminist overtones, and what is about to happen in Birmingham reverberates deeply with an old Western doctrine.

Anthropologists tell us that "virgin birth" is considered quite normal in certain Australian tribes. They believe that every child is created directly by the gods and, even though their society is sexually permissive, they do not think that men have any role in procreation. Such a belief expresses their sense of closeness to the divine world.

However, the virgin birth of Birmingham is the achievement of a society which sees the heavens as empty. Men and women are considered masters of their own fate; they cultivate an ideal of autonomy and reject the idea of dependence on a personal God or openness to an alien divine realm. It is a stage beyond which we believe we have evolved.

Some Christians will doubtless regard this latest development as a blasphemous parody of the incarnation. But the virginal conception in the clinic of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service might encourage others to see that a literal and unimaginative interpretation of Bible stories is bound to be inadequate and can even be grotesque. Just as the gospels make it clear that the resurrection was not the resuscitation of a corpse but a spiritual event, the virgin birth, a late addition to the original story, was a mythical expression of a religious truth. St Paul, the earliest Christian writer, never mentions it; nor does St Mark, the first evangelist.

St Luke, a Greek, introduced the virgin birth into Christianity. Stories of parthenogenesis were common in the Hellenistic tradition: the gods frequently impregnated women like Leda or Danaë. Such an idea was obnoxious to the Jews, but by the first century they shared with the Greeks an appreciation of sexual abstinence and virginity as means to spiritual power. Jews and pagans both regarded divine possession as an intimate and dramatic physical experience, incompatible with sexual intercourse. Thus Philo, the first century Jewish philosopher of Alexandria, claimed that after Moses had seen God on Mount Sinai, he lost all interest in sex.

Luke did not see Jesus as the incarnate son of God, but as a great prophet. He was drawing on the tradition which saw prophecy and divine inspiration as closely linked to virginity. It must be recalled that prophecy and inspiration were facts of daily life in the early church, and Mary displayed a perfect receptivity to the divine word. The Eastern church stressed the symbolic rather than the literal significance of the virgin birth of Christ. Thus Origen of Alexandria (c. 185-254) saw the conception of Christ in the womb of Mary as the conception of divine wisdom in the soul. In other Oriental religions also, the virgin birth was regarded as a mythical expression of a religious experience: it represented the birth of the spiritual life in what had formerly been a human animal. Instead of being driven by the selfish instincts of sex, self-preservation and mastery, heroes and gods born in this way are motivated by compassion.

Thus the Buddha was said to have been born from his mother's side, at the level of her heart. Oriental myths of virginal births stressed compassion and instead of pointing to the separation of the sexes, expressed the love and deep connection between them. The Eastern fathers of the church recognised the affinity between Mary and Isis, the Egyptian goddess, who was frequently depicted suckling Horus, her baby son. She had conceived Horus miraculously, by lying upon the dead body of Osiris, her husband.

But in the West during the 4th century, the virgin birth acquired a very different significance. As they watched the fall of the Roman Empire, the Latin fathers developed a defensive theology. For Ambrose of Milan, *integritas* (wholeness) was the crucial Christian virtue. He wanted the church to remain *intacta*, unpenetrated by the heretical barbarians. The virgin birth was essential to his thought. Mary's closed and sealed body, not penetrated by male seed and not split open in birth pangs, stood for all that was sacred and separate from a hostile world.

Increasingly, sexuality and Christianity became incompatible in Ambrose's sermons. Christ's sexless birth and pure body, which knew no sexual impulses, was a token of how flesh should be. Augustine of Hippo, the great disciple of Ambrose, saw his Christian vocation as inseparable from a vocation to chastity.

Augustine took Ambrose's ideal of *integritas* and autonomy one step further. He evolved the doctrine of original sin — which is unique to the West — which makes sexual desire a terrifying reminder of man's chronic sinfulness. Sin and sex became fused in the Western Christian imagination. The virginal conception of Jesus, which was untainted by a clamour of sinful emotion and uncontrolled sensation, had recaptured the prelapsarian harmony between body and soul.

The defensive theology of Ambrose and Augustine enabled the church to survive the collapse of Roman civilisation, but at a cost. Augustine can be called the father of the Western spirit: his doctrine of original sin, and its rider sexual dread, became central to our view of the world.

He deeply influenced Luther and Calvin and also informed the protestant spirit. Instead of seeing the union of the sexes as the restoration of an ancient harmony between male and female, Western Christendom urged the sexes to withdraw into separate spheres. So this latest virgin birth, which will enable a woman to procreate without a man, without sex and without love, could be seen as a hideous parody of an old Christian ideal that had its roots in sadness and fear.

America cannot police the world forever

Forsake this new idealism, says Henry Kissinger.

Only old-style balance of power can keep the peace

America has never been comfortable fighting wars for limited objectives. The first world war was said to be the war to end all wars; the second was to usher in a new era of permanent peace monitored by the United Nations. Now, the Gulf war has been similarly justified, in terms deeply embedded in the American tradition.

In his speech of January 16 announcing hostilities with Iraq, President Bush described the opportunity for building a new world order "where the rule of law ... governs the conduct of nations," and "in which a credible United Nations can use its peacekeeping role to fulfil the promise and the vision of the UN's founders."

I greatly admired President Bush's skill and fortitude in building the coalition. But the new world order cannot possibly fulfil the idealistic expectations he expressed.

American idealism was most eloquently formulated by Woodrow Wilson. Peace depended, he said, "not on a balance of power but on a community of power... Nations agree that there shall be but one combination and that is the combination of all against the wrongdoer." According to this view, the conduct of international affairs follows objective criteria not unlike those of the law. All nations are expected to respond to challenges to international order from a common perspective and with united opposition.

This hope was disappointed by the League of Nations and later by the United Nations. And not accidentally. While every country has some stake in elaborating a concept it can invoke in its own defence, the willingness to run risks varies with history, geography, power, in other words, with national interests.

Despite the near unanimity of the United Nations decisions, historians will in all likelihood treat the Gulf war as a special case rather than a watershed. An unusual set of circumstances combined to foster consensus. The Soviet Union, wracked by domestic emergency and needing foreign economic assistance, had no stomach for disagreement with America. But this does not mean that Soviet objectives in the Middle East in the period after the Gulf war will necessarily be identical to, or even compatible, with those of the United States.

China, though wary of superpower military action, sought to demonstrate the advantages of practical cooperation despite the Tiananmen Square outrages and ideological conflict. For Peking considers Washington an important partner in China's determination to resist either Soviet or Japanese hegemony in Asia.

France was torn by conflicting emotions: concern to contain the reaction of the five million Muslims resident in France, a quest for preferential status in the Arab world, and a desire to keep America linked to France should its nightmare of German resurgence come true. Thus France for once resolved its ambivalence in favour of the American view; but it would be unrealistic to treat a practical decision as a philosophical commitment. Among the permanent members of the Security Council, only Britain held views virtually identical to those of America.

The Gulf states and Saudi Arabia considered their very survival to be at stake and were not much concerned with the principle invoked to safeguard their existence. Syria's President Assad was in mortal conflict with Saddam Hussein for 10 years before the Gulf war, and will probably continue to struggle if Saddam remains. As for Egypt, the rulers of the Nile competed with the rulers of Mesopotamia for 4,000 years before the doctrine of collective security was invented. The Persian-Arab conflict is of more recent vintage as history is measured in the Middle East — it is only 2,000 years old. This is why Iran will support the United Nations resolution only until Iraq is sufficiently weakened. After that, Tehran will probably continue its historic quest for dominance in the Gulf by pressing America to withdraw.

> ' The new world order cannot be built to American specifications. America cannot impose a global sense of community where none exists '

Even during the Gulf conflict, the principle of collective security was not uniformly applied. Israel was urged by almost every country not to avail itself of its right of self-defence despite unprovoked Iraqi missile attacks on its civilians. The nations of the world seemed to be afraid that the Arab members of the coalition would change sides.

Finally, two special circumstances facilitated the creation of the global alliance. The first was the noxious character of Saddam Hussein. Naked and unprovoked aggression against a member of the United Nations and the Arab League was followed by looting, hostage-taking and the abuse of civilians. A future aggressor is unlikely to present so unambiguous a challenge.

The second element was American leadership, symbolised by the extraordinary personal relations between President Bush and world leaders. Without that American role, the world community would almost certainly have reached different conclusions. None of this is to deprecate the achievement of the administration in coalition-building. But it is a warning against assuming that we would be able to repeat the pattern in future.

American pre-eminence cannot last anyway. Had Kuwait been invaded two years later, the reduction in the American defence budget would have precluded such a large overseas deployment. Nor can the American economy indefinitely sustain a policy of essentially unilateral global interventionism — indeed, we had to seek a foreign subsidy of at least $50 billion (£26.7 billion) to sustain this emergency. From now on we shall not be in a position to supply such a preponderance of military force for security missions far from our shores. The new world order cannot rely on the United States in this way.

The new order will also be very different from the Cold War period, when the principal fissure was between East and West. The ideological conflict led to a more or less uniform perception of the threat, at least among the industrial democracies, while the military and technological predominance of America also shaped a common military policy.

The world into which we are moving will be infinitely more complex. Ideological challenges will be fewer; the danger of nuclear war with the Soviet Union will be sharply reduced. On the other hand, no one can know how well Soviet command and control arrangements for nuclear weapons will withstand domestic upheaval. Elsewhere, local conflicts will be both more likely and, given modern technology, more lethal. The collapse of the Soviet empire in Eastern Europe and the loosening bonds of the Western alliance have unleashed nationalist rivalries not seen since 1918. The post-colonial period has spawned fanatical fundamentalist forces hard for the comfortable industrial democracies to comprehend, much less to master. Economic rivalry between Japan, which is growing into superpower status, the European Community, which is becoming increasingly assertive, and the United States will no longer be restrained by overriding security concerns. The confluence of these elements will make the new era one of turmoil.

American policymakers must recognise that it is not possible to deal with every issue simultaneously. Three levels of threat must be distinguished: those we must be prepared to deal with alone, those we will only deal with in association with other nations, and those which do not sufficiently challenge our interests to justify military intervention.

Countries associated with us must be brought to understand that the American armed forces are not a mercenary force for hire. The special circumstances of the Gulf left President Bush no choice but an assumption of disproportionate risk. As a general rule in the future, however, American military forces should be employed only for causes for which we ourselves are prepared to pay. That indeed is a good working definition of American national interest.

Our policymakers must recognise that the new world order cannot be built to American specifications. America cannot impose a global sense of community where none exists. But it has an opportunity to create more limited communities based on a genuine sense of shared purpose.

In the end, the deepest challenge to America will be philosophical: how to define order. History has so far shown us only two roads to international stability: domination and equilibrium. We have not the resources for domination, nor is such a course compatible with our values. So we are brought back to a concept maligned in much of America's intellectual history, the balance of power.

To many Americans, the most objectionable feature of the balance of power is its apparent moral neutrality. For it is concerned above all with preventing one power or group of powers from achieving hegemony. Winston Churchill described it: "The policy of England takes no account of which nation it is that seeks the overlordship of Europe. It is concerned solely with whoever is the strongest or the potentially dominating tyrant. It is a law of public policy which we are following, and not a mere expedient dictated by accidental circumstances or likes or dislikes."

A policy based on such ideas knows few permanent enemies and few permanent friends. In the Gulf it would avoid branding Iraq as forever beyond the pale. Rather, it would seek to balance rivalries as old as history by striving for an equilibrium between Iraq, Iran, Syria and other regional powers. In northeast Asia it would seek to maintain equilibrium between China, Japan and the Soviet Union. In Europe, where the old balance has been upset, the elements of its successor will depend on the outcome of the Soviet Union's internal struggles, especially on the Soviet capacity to continue its historic role in Europe.

These balances need a guarantor — a role the United States can no longer play alone and in some circumstances may not choose to play at all.

No nation is in a better position to contribute to a new world order than the United States: it is domestically cohesive, its economy is less vulnerable to outside forces, its military capacity for the foreseeable future is still the world's largest and most effective. The challenge that faces us now is the price of our success: triumph in the Cold War requires us to rethink our old attitudes. But despite the new challenge, most other nations would envy our success.

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...and moreover

ALAN COREN

One of Our Men is coming. I may have to kiss him on the lips. Either that, or he has to kiss the squirrel on the lips. I'm not too sure about Mafia protocol. This is my first contract.

I seem to remember that the kiss is called *il colpo di grazia*, though, and that you have to keep your mouth shut afterwards, otherwise you infringe *omertà*, and if you infringe *omertà* you aren't half for it, a lot more kissing goes on, and you end up as part of a flyover.

I have just looked that last sentence through, and I see that it is open to misinterpretation. I should not like you to think I do not intend to keep my mouth shut *during* the kiss as well, as a matter of fact. I hope to get away with the briefest of pecks, I am not a Latin and nor, I would guess, is Our Man, and I see no reason for either of us to go overboard about this, it is simply a formality. We may not even need to involve lips at all. We might get away with the lightest brush of cheeks. This is Cricklewood, not bloody Palermo.

Of course, if it's the squirrel he's supposed to kiss, I don't care one way or another, they can go at it like knives, if they want to.

Were I a heavier sleeper, none of this would have arisen. I should not have awoken at three o'clock on Monday morning and lain there wondering what it was that was scuttling about above my head, and I should not have crawled out of bed, finally, and gone up to the loft with a torch and the thing for turning the stopcock off (nobody has a poker these days, central heating has much to answer for), and I should not, when I switched on the loftlight, have spotted the subject of the hereinabove-mentioned contract. I did not spot it for long, mind: there was a split-second of mutual identification, during which we both quivered a bit, then it sprang from the joist, shot like a fur bullet through a hole in the Contiboard wall, and vanished into the pipe-cavity. I did not follow, partly because there isn't room in there to swing a thing for turning a stopcock off, but mainly because you never know with squirrels, you hear a lot about post-Chunnel rabies these days, I did not want to come down to breakfast and have people saying: "What's all that foam doing round your mouth, electric shaver bust?"

So I went back to bed. After a while, the scuttling started again.

At 9.30am, I phoned the London Borough of Barnet, and the woman said you mustn't have a squirrel in your loft, once they've found a way in they never leave, and what they do is, they chew the flex off your electric cables, you could have a fire, and did you know that your house insurance policy does not cover this, shall I send somebody round?

"An exterminator?" I said.

"We don't call them that," she said, and I could sense that her lips were pursed in that disapproval which betokens membership of a caring authority. Did Barnet, perhaps, merely bring the squirrels in for counselling, get to the roof of their personal problems, set them up in a snug council drey, explain how to apply for supplementary nut benefit?

"You don't kill them, then?" I said.

There was a pause. "Not on the premises," she replied. "Shall I put you through to our man?"

"What we do," said Our Man, "is we bait a trap and we collect the item for disposal later."

"Then you kill it?"

"Definitely." Our Man was not a lip-purser. Our Man was a torpedo. He dealt with items. Could be a squirrel, could be a cockroach, could be The Creature from the Black Lagoon, it made no odds. Rehabilitation was not his bag. If the trap fits...

We have made an appointment. Even now, he will be climbing into his long black borough overcoat, tying his white silk borough scarf, taking his ominous borough violin case down from its shelf. I am waiting at the window, staring out into a garden in which the squirrels are happily disporting themselves among the crocuses. I can remember when the kids used to ask me which was Nutkin, but there you go, flex is flex, and house insurance is house insurance, and what are you going to do when the council makes you an offer you can't refuse?

THE TIMES DIARY

Salvaging the salvers

John Major has so far been unable to coax any collectors to part with works of art to restore Downing Street to the splendour it displayed under his predecessor.

In Mrs Thatcher's time, about 70 works of art were lent to No. 10 by public institutions and private collectors. Several slipped out of the back door to their former homes when Mrs Thatcher left by the front, and Major has not so far found substitutes. In particular he is looking for a replacement for the 200-year-old Belton silver collection lent to Mrs Thatcher by Lord Brownlow.

The National Trust, which took over the stewardship of the silver along with Belton House in 1984, wrote to Downing Street immediately after her resignation saying that it expected the silver to be returned by this month. John Major has now asked for an extension of the deadline, which has reluctantly been agreed. However, the Trust is obviously anxious to have the silver back: the pieces were to have gone on display at Belton House in time for its opening to the public at Easter, along with the Speaker's chair occupied by Sir John Cust in the House of Commons in the 18th century.

Neither the National Trust nor the V & A, which has other silverware on loan to Downing Street, plans to offer the prime minister a replacement collection. The Cabinet Office is understood to be talking to a number of private collectors instead.

After the recent mortar-bomb attack on Downing Street, however, private collectors and national institutions alike may be worried about lending valuable works to the prime minister.

Following the attack, the National Gallery removed most of its paintings from 11 Downing Street, although it says the chancellor will eventually get them back. "We decided to remove the paintings for security reasons," it says, "at least until the windows which were blown out are repaired."

● *Peter Lilley is in for a shock. The trade and industry secretary clashed angrily with presenter Brian Redhead on Radio 4's* Today *programme last week, saying Redhead was a Labour supporter. But while opening a children's home near Macclesfield, Redhead for the first time publicly declared his vote — for a Conservative candidate. But, he swiftly added: "I wrote a note on the bottom of the ballot paper saying this vote is a personal one for Nicholas Winterton alone and not a vote for the Conservative party."*

Don't start from here

The 150th anniversary of the first tour organised by Thomas Cook, the founding father of mass travel, is about to be honoured in his native Leicester, with an ambitious play using more than 150 amateur actors, musicians and technicians. The play, due to open in July at the Leicester Haymarket theatre, tells the story of the temperance campaigner who went around the world in 200 days in 1872.

Wisely Daniel Buckroyd, the director, has decided to draw a veil over the nature of Cook's first trip, which is ostensibly the reason for the celebration. It was a day trip to Loughborough in July 1841, when he borrowed the gardens of a stately home for a temperance picnic and filled a train with day-trippers. Says Buckroyd: "It was probably the least scenic trip ever."

Today, gin palaces..
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Matter of course

Among the thousands of racegoers, Irish priests and the simply curious flocking to the opening of the National Hunt festival at Cheltenham today will be John Joyce, a former member of Saddam Hussein's human shield. Joyce was detained in Baghdad after the invasion of Kuwait and feared he would miss the highlight of his racing year.

In December, as the world inched towards war, he managed to smuggle a letter out of Iraq via the British embassy in Baghdad. It was addressed to Edward Gillespie, the course manager. "I would like to ask a favour," Joyce wrote. "I am a keen racing man and due to my predicament, as a hostage, I do not know if I will be out in time to get my club badges for the festival." Joyce, from Kingston upon on Thames, asked if Gillespie could contact his wife and make the necessary arrangements. Gillespie did so and will personally welcome Joyce to the course today.

Rolls reversed

Saddam Hussein's generals may have promised to return the loot plundered by their army to Kuwait, but the management at Rolls-Royce would like to know the whereabouts of £5 million worth of its cars. An estimated 70 Rolls-Royces were taken after the invasion last August. Captured Iraqi soldiers have spoken of them passing the Kuwaiti-bound tanks and troop trucks, heading for Basra.

A Rolls-Royce dealer in Kuwait City had his premises stripped bare of cars and parts, before the showroom was dynamited. Luxury cars became targets for looting by Iraqi commanders, with Rollers and Bentleys taken first, followed by Jaguars.

Rolls-Royce has been unable to trace the cars, but Jaguar says some of its vehicles have turned up in Lebanon, apparently the pickings of an enterprising Arthur Daley in the Iraqi capital.

● *Trisha Barnard, the prospective Tory candidate in St Helens South and one of the aides of Nigel Evans in the Ribble Valley by-election, has had a bad week. Not only did she see her party lose a majority of 20,000, but her car broke down twice at key moments of the campaign. The weekend before polling she was forced to leave it in a field for two days, until it could be towed away on the Monday. Repaired in time for polling day, the car broke down again on Thursday morning as Barnard attempted to ferry Tory voters to the booths. On Saturday she admitted defeat and traded it in for a new model. "If only the community charge could be sorted out so easily," she says ruefully.*

MR MAJOR MAKES PEACE

John Major gave his first speech outside Britain as prime minister last night to the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Bonn, purportedly on "The Evolution of Europe". Yet he devoted two thirds of it to his vision of Conservatism and plans for Britain's future. As a result, the German public will be far clearer about what Mr Major stands for at home than about the British position on European monetary and political union.

Thus to have chosen to introduce himself before this largely Christian Democrat audience will have done no harm, permitting as it did the airing of the differences between his political philosophy and that of Mrs Thatcher. Out of conviction as well as loyalty, he defended her legacy, reiterating the government's commitment to privatisation and the application of market disciplines to publicly-funded services, and repeated with suitably Germanic fervour his absolute commitment to defeat inflation. But he also stressed "social responsibility" and community and social stability. Many of his words could never, conceivably, have passed her lips. Emollient and tactful politician though Mr Major is, there is no disguising that this speech encapsulates the seachange in Tory politics since the change in leadership. Mrs Thatcher's harsh words in America this weekend show that she recognises that her former protege is in no way her prisoner.

His mastery of the emollient is nowhere more evident than in his remarks on Europe. He deftly distanced himself from Mrs Thatcher without altering British policy. He drew attention to his membership of a different generation, one which grew up in a Europe "broken by war and divided by barbed wire" and for whom the development of the European Community was "a cause of political inspiration". He wanted Britain "to be where we belong. At the very heart of Europe. Working with our partners . . . with enthusiasm". This was mood music, but no less soothing to his audience for that.

Mr Major is no mad federalist. The Community, he said, consisted of nation-states and must strike a balance between co-operation and respect for different "national institutions and traditions". Europe must take an evolutionary approach to avoid provoking disunity in the cause of unity. The search for a common foreign and security policy must take account of reality: Germany's relations with the Soviets were no more likely to be governed by Europe than were Britain's policies on Hong Kong.

Mr Major repeated, rightly, Britain's insistence that the priority in defence must be to keep the United States in Europe. Using the Western European Union as a bridge between Nato and the European Community could help — in contrast, he implied, to the maximalist ambitions for turning the WEU into the vehicle for a common EC defence policy entertained by the President of the European Commission, Jacques Delors.

Britain's agenda for monetary union remains where Mrs Thatcher left it — with a new gloss. Britain's priorities are sound money but not necessarily "the same money"; greater economic convergence between the Twelve and the establishment of open markets, particularly in finance, before it would make sense to move further towards monetary union; and the retention of monetary policy in national hands throughout Stage Two. The difference was that, while he continues to insist that Britain will not accept the "imposition" of a single currency, Mr Major is prepared to reserve judgment instead of flatly opposing the idea. Britain will negotiate, but will insist that the inter-governmental conference reaches agreements which protect the right of a future British Parliament to decide.

Deliberately, there were no fireworks in all this. The change was of style, not substance. As a peace offering, it will not satisfy German federalists. Mr Major's speech left all the difficult arguments on political and monetary union wide open. If there is light, he is keeping it firmly hidden under a bushel. But openness to debate has not been Mrs Thatcher's hallmark. That it was without doubt a peace offering may, at this stage in his premiership, have been enough.

BLOOD IN BELGRADE

The riots and killings on the streets of Belgrade might appear to bear out the prophecies of the doomsayers: that Yugoslavia, a heterogeneous grouping set up in 1918 and long held together only by the charisma and iron fist of Tito, is at last cracking up. The worst violence in the capital since 1945 suggests that the special Yugoslav hybrid of communism has reached the end of the road and that older, deeper forces of nationalism have now taken over. But the rebalkanisation of Yugoslavia has been forecast again and again. Each time the country has come back from the brink.

The tanks and bloodshed show that Slobodan Milosevic's oppressive form of communism (cloaked in Serbian nationalism) is reaching the end of the road. The demonstrators were demanding the same things for Serbia that had been won in the other republics: an end to the party's dictatorship, a freer press, economic reform and an open relationship with the new European democracies.

Mr Milosevic has promised the Serbs much: a better standard of living, Serbian dominance of the creaking Yugoslav federation, and the return of the province of Kosovo to Serbian control. His rhetoric of keeping by blood what Serbs had won by blood had overtones of fascism. For four years it mesmerised his people. Now they are waking up.

The question is whether a weakening of his power will curb the push to full independence by the restless republics of Croatia and Slovnia. But there is little room in the new Europe for a plethora of new mini-states. They do not have tidy ethnic borders. Yugoslavia is not a patchwork of nationalities but a leopard skin, with minorities dotted all over the country. A bitter separation — and there seems little prospect even in the long term of amicable divorce — would be a recipe for chronic minority discontent and massacres, the kind of thing that gave the Balkans a bad name.

If the Yugoslav army, with its Serbian officer class, is used as an instrument to enforce old-style communist unity, the threat of confrontation between the republics and even civil war remains. The present alternative to Mr Milosevic does not look promising. Vuk Draskovic is also a former communist, but left the party in disgust and has given a warning of Serbian isolation. He is now in prison, and his chances of influencing the constitutional reform necessary are slight.

The next two months are crucial. A hardline Serb, Borisav Jovic, currently holds the rotating presidency, and is shamelessly using this to block the reform process. He will be replaced on May 15 by a Croat. Mr Milosevic faces a race against time.

The West has tended to overlook this last gasp of communism in Europe. Because Tito dabbled in reform earlier than his Warsaw Pact neighbours and because there was no obvious Soviet military domination, the West barely noticed that communism still retained its grip in Belgrade. It was assumed that the Paris agreement on security and cooperation in Europe last year had ushered in the new era of European democracies. Yugoslavia, like Albania, proves there is more to do. Mr Milosevic must not be allowed to sabotage attempts to save Yugoslavia from centrifugal forces. Yugoslavia signed the Paris charter. It must be put into practice, throughout the country. This is what the crowds on the streets of Belgrade demand and what the West should encourage.

FEAR OF FLYING

When customers hand over money before they receive their goods, they will always be vulnerable to the producer going bankrupt in between. Those who bought tickets for scheduled flights on Air Europe, the airline owned by International Leisure Group (ILG) which collapsed last week, have discovered this all too painfully. Prepayment involves risk. Should the government protect the consumer from that risk?

Yesterday's parliamentary questions to Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, mainly assumed that it should. The more unthinking of MPs seemed to believe that had the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) stepped in sooner to warn the public that ILG was in trouble, holidaymakers would somehow have avoided being caught with worthless tickets in their hands.

This is naive. ILG, like any company that relies on public confidence, would simply have collapsed sooner and the CAA would have been criticised for not allowing other financing possibilities to be given a chance. Thousands of customers would still have been caught in the middle.

Even the more thoughtful of MPs applauded Mr Rifkind's announcement that he would ask the CAA to consider introducing a similar bonding scheme on scheduled flights to that already covering charters. The charter system guarantees refunds or alternative holidays to anybody booking a charter flight or package holiday from members of the scheme.

This has protected holidaymakers booked with ILG's charter and package firms, but not those on scheduled flights. Such a scheme would not discriminate between different airlines and different levels of risk, however. A state-owned national carrier like Air France, say, would never be allowed to go bust. Air Europe's fares were cheaper than those of Air France partly because it was the riskier venture. Customers chose to take the marginally higher risk of flying Air Europe because they wanted to fly more cheaply.

Such price competition between airlines is exactly what the European customer needs. But slapping a fixed-rate charge on every scheduled ticket, the proceeds of which go into a bonding system, would simply encourage moral hazard: those who flew with riskier airlines would be taking a free ride on those who played safe.

There are many risks to flying. Quite apart from the least likely and most horrific, a plane crash, baggage can be lost, flights can be delayed, people can fall ill. All of these contingencies can be insured against. Sensible travellers routinely take out travel insurance when they go abroad. The state does not force them to do so; nor would it dream of reimbursing them if their suitcase does go astray.

There is no reason why insurance against travel company bankruptcy should not form part of every insurance package for travel involving scheduled flights. Those who chose not to pay could save money and risk the consequences, just as they do now if they break an ankle while skiing. But neither the state nor other passengers should be expected to protect them from their own lack of prudence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Focus on realities in dairy trade

From the Chairman of the Milk Marketing Board

Sir, I was saddened and puzzled by your reaction (leading article, March 8) to the Milk Marketing Board's proposals on a voluntary co-operative.

Saddened because I would have expected you of all people to give at least some welcome to a statutory body putting forward its own proposals for the possible ending of its statutory powers in the interest of greater competition.

Puzzled because of the Little England vein running through your leading article. Nowhere is the word "Europe" mentioned. Yet it is Europe which is the market place where a co-operative for England and Wales would face the real competition. Indeed that is from where the competition is already coming.

If the Milk Marketing Board were fragmented into a number of regional co-operatives, as you suggest, we would put at risk the economies of scale which we need in order to meet the scale of the competition coming from Europe. I believe we must retain the highly efficient national grid and our central system of quality-testing which together give us an enviable national distribution of high-quality milk with which to serve our customers.

Our proposals have been shaped by the commercial realities, not by political considerations. We are looking ahead to the market-place of the 1990s and beyond. Our concern is how best to bring real benefits not just to dairy farmers, not just to the dairy trade, but above all to the consumer whose interests we have at heart.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. STEVEN,
Chairman,
Milk Marketing Board,
Thames Ditton, Surrey.
March 11.

Swearing on TV

From Mrs M. J. Richardson

Sir, Swearing, it seems, has overtaken violence as the prime complaint on TV (report, March 8), and is surely close to becoming one of the worst offences committed in the community. It is very unpleasant indeed to be sworn at, usually in four-letter words which were once considered obscene, if one happens to be in someone's way on the pavement, in a shop, on the bus or train, and far too often these obscenities come from other women. Such rudeness surely provokes the violence referred to in your report.

Yours faithfully,
MERLE J. RICHARDSON,
7 Bowood Road, SW11.
March 8.

Clergy in waiting

From the Vicar of Ewell

Sir, Some years ago I conducted the funeral of a churchwarden at Capel Llanillltern, near Llandaff. He had been churchwarden there for 66 years, and had succeeded someone who had been in post for the preceding 55.

It is not necessarily the parson's freehold which can make for long-term changelessness in a parish; immoveable wardens can effectively produce the same recipe for stagnation. I am glad that in my own parish the appointment of churchwardens is done on the understanding that it is a "short-service commission".

Mr Peter Carver, a churchwarden for a mere 20 years (February 28), tells us that the clergy should be told where and when to go. Perhaps it is time that churchwardens too should be told when to go, but unlike Mr Carver I would not be so bold as to suggest that they should be told where.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HANFORD,
Ewell Vicarage,
Church Street, Ewell, Surrey.
February 28.

Child support needs

From the Director, National Council for One Parent Families

Sir, Your report on proceedings in the social security committee yesterday noted that Tony Newton "has dismissed fears that lone mothers will be vulnerable to attack if they are forced to disclose the details of their children's father". The agency, he assured the committee, will not disclose women's addresses if there is a danger of violence.

However, whilst we appreciate this commitment to confidentiality, it does not give protection to women who continue to live in the same locality and who are easily traced. Sixty per cent of lone parents are forced to turn to their local authority for accommodation and are therefore unable to move away and lose contact with their ex-partner.

In the recent survey by Jonathan Bradshaw and Jane Millar, *Lone-Parent Families in the UK*, 20 per cent of those questioned gave violence as the main reason for their separation. The government must not underestimate the very real fears of mothers who will face the choice of a severe cut in their benefit or possible further harassment from their ex-partner.

Yours sincerely,
SUE SLIPMAN, Director,
National Council for
One Parent Families,
255 Kentish Town Road, NW5.
March 6.

From Baroness Faithfull

Sir, Mr Frank Field (March 5) appears to approve of the Child Support Bill's proposed establishment of an agency to regulate and ensure payment of maintenance by absent fathers.

The Bill's intention that children should come first and that a mother should have proper provision from the father of their child if he leaves the family home is entirely welcome. I am worried, however, about the inflexibility of the formula for payment which the Bill requires the agency to enforce.

At the moment there is no opportunity for negotiation between the parents and this could be detrimental to the child: to give only one example, where a father agrees to give the mother the marital home for the benefit of the children, but is then unable to give regular cash payments.

As chairman of the Family Courts Consortium, may I urge further consultation during the passage of this Bill in order to keep some discretionary powers within a court, preferably a family court, for the benefit of the children concerned.

Yours faithfully,
LUCY FAITHFULL,
House of Lords.
March 6.

Thatcher's comments on Europe

From Mr Derek Prag, MEP for Hertfordshire (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, It is easy to exaggerate the rather modest moves currently under way towards so-called political union and a common foreign and security policy in the European Community. Amid sensible warnings about the need to preserve Nato and retain military capability for unexpected needs, Mrs Thatcher jumped into one trap after the other in her speeches in the United States last week.

She said that if Europe had had a foreign and defence policy last autumn, America would have been left to "stand alone" after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait (report, March 9). Nothing that is likely to emerge from the present intergovernmental conference on political union in Brussels could have had such an effect.

It is virtually certain that only matters "of common interest" will be brought under a common foreign policy, and that a unanimous vote will be needed to declare a subject a matter of common interest. Should the unanimity needed not be forthcoming, member states would be able to go their own way, though the Community would be able to take economic steps under existing powers.

It is quite clear that, in the case of the Gulf crisis, the kind of modest steps towards "political union" now under discussion in the intergovernmental conference would not have prevented Britain and France — or any other Community country — from making the contribution they did to implement the UN resolutions.

Mrs Thatcher's remarks about a European superstate were wide of the mark, since no one is proposing such a superstate. Every political party in every Community country is determined to retain the maximum amount of diversity and variety in our languages and culture. These are, after all, one of the great attractions of Europe.

Finally, there has been a great lack of understanding about the position of Germany. It is high time we realized that it takes its constitution seriously, and could not violate it without a whole series of legal cases at its constitutional court in Karlsruhe.

We are fortunate indeed that both the major German parties are determined not only to continue to operate within the frameworks of the European Community and Nato, but also to pursue the rule of law and not use military force, even within the UN framework, until its constitution has been modified to permit it.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK PRAG
(Conservative spokesman
on institutional affairs,
European Parliament),
Pine Hill, 47 New Road,
Digswell, Welwyn, Hertfordshire.
March 10.

No 1 Poultry

From Mr Courtenay Blackmore

Sir, You are of course entitled to consider James Stirling's proposed building for the Mappin & Webb site an unlovely monument (leading article, March 2). To suggest that all listed buildings are untouchable is a very different matter. In this instance you ignore the suitability of the existing buildings to fulfil a useful role in the future. For many years it has been clear that the Victorian buildings you cherish (not forgetting their Georgian predecessors) are not suitable for modern business needs and the City is not a folk museum.

Without developers our cities would stagnate. The trouble in the past has been that developers have commissioned too many unimaginative designers of inadequate ability resulting in the proliferation of wretched buildings we all deplore. Lord Palumbo and James Stirling do not fall into this category. They are amongst the ones to point the way to better things.

Stirling's design is not a piece of sculpture; the building like any piece of good architecture is there to fulfil a purpose. It is naive to suggest that it can, like a statue, be picked up and dropped down on another site where it does not belong.

Yours truly,
COURTENAY BLACKMORE
(Chairman, Board of Delegates,
Architecture Awards Trust),
61 Riverview Gardens,
Castelnau, SW13.

From Mr Keith Money

Sir, The Mappin & Webb building has elegance, proportion and harmony, as well as a friendly mien. Lord Palumbo, it seems, wishes to replace this with something lumpen and classically illiterate, with a fortress-like front and an aggressive stance.

If Lord Palumbo wishes to build a monument to our age, then his chosen plan must be considered a brilliant metaphor. But if he also has in mind a monument to himself, he should consider the fact that, for many people, his name will always be accompanied by a shudder once No 1 Poultry is brutalised.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH MONEY,
Hall Farm, Carbrooke,
Thetford, Norfolk.

'Fortress' Heathrow

From Mr William Whitehorn

Sir, I was surprised to note Mr David Wilshire, MP for Spelthorne, quoted in your report of March 6 as saying that the opening up of "Fortress" Heathrow to competition from independent airlines would "appal" him, his constituents and British airlines.

How can this be? The secretary of state has announced that he will *not* allow an increase in night-flying from Heathrow which might disturb local residents.

The airport will not become busier, but its scarce resources will now be allocated by the market rather than an historic monopoly effectively in the hands of British Airways. Consumers will benefit from greater competition and hence lower prices at Heathrow.

The decision to open up Heathrow is welcome. Mr Wilshire would be more accurate if, next time he speaks on this subject, he substitutes "British Airways are appalled" for "British airlines are appalled".

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM WHITEHORN
(Director, Corporate Affairs),
Virgin Holdings Ltd,
120 Campden Hill Road, W8.
March 6.

Other theatres, too

From the Managing Director, Barbican Centre

Sir, Long live Lord Miles and the Mermaid Theatre! But Simon Tait is suffering from amnesia when he states (report, March 4, later editions) that the Mermaid is "the only new theatre [to be created] in the City of London for almost 300 years".

There are, of course, other fish in the sea, and a couple of fine catches at the Barbican Centre — the Barbican Theatre and its attendant studio theatre, the Pit — which together provide the London base of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Not only is the Barbican Centre, which celebrates its tenth birthday next year, *in* the City of London, but it is owned, funded and managed by the Corporation.

Yours faithfully,
DETTA O'CATHAIN,
Managing Director,
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2.

Threat to UK science

From Professor M. G. Haines and Professor T. W. Kibble, FRS

Sir, The government has recently reduced the funding of the Science and Engineering Research Council in real terms by 7 per cent (report, February 7). Such a drastic cut has to be borne in the first instance by not taking on any new research commitments. As a result a whole grant-round has been severely curtailed, putting into jeopardy the careers in the UK of potential post-doctoral research assistants together with the alpha-grade research on which they would have been employed. There could also be a sharp reduction in the number of research students commencing training next October.

In the next few months difficult and divisive decisions will have to be made to exclude the UK from certain areas of scientific research. The UK government action is in complete contrast to that of our European partners and of governments in the USA and Japan where the peace dividend is seen as the green light to expand civilian scientific and technical research.

The proportion of GDP devoted by government to civil research and development in the UK has declined from 0.72 per cent to less than 0.55 per cent in the past decade. We are alone in the OECD group to have a decrease. More worrying is that the government contribution to civil R & D in both Germany and France is almost 1 per cent of their (higher) GDP, making it far greater than for the UK.

Our country has to decide if it wishes to be a full player in the very competitive field of high-technology industries which requires a strong science base and a highly trained professional work force. The alternative is economic decline. When this latest action is taken in conjunction with the 30 per cent reduction of relative earnings by UK scientists it is clear that the government is presently opting for the latter.

Yours faithfully,
M. G. HAINES,
T. W. B. KIBBLE,
The Blackett Laboratory,
Imperial College of Science,
Technology and Medicine,
Prince Consort Road, SW7.
February 27.

Little sir echo

From Mr Michael Troth

Sir, Mr C. L. Kirch (March 6) has provided his own answer how to respond to those who habitually join in the second half of one's own sentences. The only answer is the bizarre. This approach is useful with religious doorsteppers. A wild-eyed invitation to visit the temple of your own minority sect generally sees them off.

Similarly when cold-called by a financial consultant the best response to questions like "Do you want to pay more tax than you have to?" is to reply, "Yes, I can't get enough of it".

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL TROTH,
Frogmore Cottage, Drakelow Lane,
Wolverley, Hereford and Worcester.

From Mrs B. L. Shellan

Sir, Mr C. L. Kirch's irritating problem makes me smile. I have a similar difficulty with people who continue talking whilst I'm interrupting.

Yours faithfully,
B. L. SHELLAN,
43a Highland Road,
Bromley, Kent.

Africa in crisis of hunger and war

From the Director of Christian Aid and others

Sir, The greatest numbers of casualties of the Gulf war may yet be the people facing starvation in Africa, whose needs have for so long been out of the news. It has been clear for many months that populations in African countries affected by drought and conflict are facing a potential famine on a par with the suffering of 1985.

In that year, they had the benefit of the Dublin plan, a decision by EC heads of government at their December 1984 summit to launch a massive programme of emergency food aid which saved hundreds of thousands of lives. EC governments rose magnificently, if belatedly, to the occasion.

The contrast with 1991 is stark. It is clear that the extra resources required to meet extraordinary needs are not forthcoming. Food-aid officials in London, Brussels and Washington are being asked to respond to African shortfalls (1.35 million tonnes unmet deficit in Sudan and Ethiopia alone) with no increase in their regular cash-limited budgets.

It is claimed that savings have been made in these budgets because grain prices have fallen — but such claims take no account of the steep increase in transport costs which the same budgets have to meet.

EC ministers should now show the same determination and ingenuity in coming up with extra resources for Africa as they have shown before. Only new funds, additional to existing food-aid budgets, will enable Britain and the EC to make an adequate response. With due allowance for other donors, the EC needs to take a special emergency decision for Africa to deliver 750,000 tonnes of food aid beyond that already budgeted.

Speed of delivery by all possible routes is just as important as pledges. EC foreign ministers failed even to consider Africa when they met last week: the hungry cannot wait for their next meeting in April.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL TAYLOR
(Christian Aid),
JULIAN FILOCHOWSKI
(CAFOD),
FRANK JUDD (Oxfam),
SHELAGH DIPLOCK (World
Development Movement),
PO Box 100,
London SE1 7RT.
March 11.

From Mr M. M. Abdi

Sir, Somalia, as an independent nation, is in danger of disintegration. At a time when world attention is focused on the Gulf, a bloody civil war is raging unchecked throughout the country. Summary executions in an orgy of blind revenge have left thousands of innocent civilians dead and tens of thousands displaced. Separate armed groups control different segments of the country and there is no central authority.

The peace and harmony that was hoped for in post-Siad Barre Somalia failed to materialise; instead lawlessness reigns. The group that controls the capital at the moment is unable to restore normality and the people are at the mercy of armed bands.

Across the country food and water are scarce and death from starvation is as commonplace as from bullets.

I hope the British public and government will respond and airlift emergency aid to this stricken country, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
M. ABDI,
19 Berenger Tower,
Worlds End Estate, SW10.
March 6.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 11: The Queen, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, this afternoon attended the Commonwealth Day Observance at Westminster Abbey.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Dean of Westminster (the Very Reverend Michael Mayne) and Sir Donald Tebbit (Chairman, Joint Commonwealth Societies' Council).

The Queen was later present at a reception given by the Commonwealth Secretary-General (His Excellency Chief Emeka Anyaoku) at Lancaster House.

Mrs John Dugdale, Mr Robin Janvrin and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust, presented the Trust's Annual Awards this afternoon at Buckingham Palace.

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness visited HM Prison Wandsworth, Heathfield Road, Wandsworth, London SW18.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

In the evening The Princess Royal, Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, gave the St John Prior Cadet Reception at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 11: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was present at the Memorial Service for Mr Fulke Walwyn which was held in the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Lambourn, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 11: The Prince of Wales attended a reception at the Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, on behalf of the National Portrait Gallery Development Appeal.

Major-General Sir Christopher Airy was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Child 2000 (The National Council for Child Health) received members of the Council at Kensington Palace.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Natural History Museum, formally opened the Ecology Gallery at the Natural History Museum, London SW7.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Squadron Leader David Barton, RAF, were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Colonel Sir Piers Bengough at the Memorial Service for Mr Fulke Walwyn which was held at St Michael and All Angels Church, Lambourn, Berkshire.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 11: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited 42 Survey Engineer Group, Denison Barracks, Hermitage, where His Royal Highness met Personnel and families of Servicemen engaged in Operation Granby.

In the afternoon the Duke of Gloucester visited the Regional Depot Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Thatcham.

His Royal Highness was received by Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hudson (Deputy Lieutenant of Berkshire).

The Duke of Gloucester, President, the Britain-Nepal Society, this evening was present at the Annual Nepali Supper in the Great Hall of Kensington Town Hall, London, W8.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit the Granada Centre for visual anthropology at Manchester University at 10.10.

The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will visit the Nia Centre, Moss Side, Manchester, at 11.05; visit Norweb, Talbot Road, at 11.50 and will meet volunteer representatives of the Prince's Trust and the Moss Side and Hulme Community Development Trust. As President of Business in the Community, he will attend a meeting for the launch of the North West Business Leadership Environment Action Group, at Manchester Airport at 1.55.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Guinness Trust, will visit the charity's Openshaw housing scheme, Manchester, at 11.10; as Patron of Turning Point, will unveil a foundation stone at the Smithfield Centre, Manchester, at 11.50; as patron of both, will attend a luncheon at the National Westminster Bank, 55 King Street, at 12.05; and will attend a recital and reception at Manchester City art gallery at 1.10 in aid of the Friends of the Halle Appeal.

Prince Edward will attend a performance of *The Corn is Green* at the Greenwich Theatre at 7.40.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will visit Newcastle Crown Court-Victim/Witness Project, Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne, at 9.35; as Patron of SENSE, will visit the Northern Counties School for the Deaf, Great North Road, at 11.30; and will attend a livery dinner of the Carmen's Company at the Mansion House at 7.20.

The Duke of Kent will reopen the Custom House at Gravesend at 11.45; as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Wellcome Diagnostics, Dartford, at 2.00; and attend an evening of classical music at St James's Palace at 7.00 to mark the 150th anniversary of King's College Hospital.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the headquarters of the *Yorkshire Post*, Wellington Street, Leeds, at 11.50; and, as chancellor, will tour the Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Polymer Science and Technology at Leeds University at 1.55.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr L.P. Adams
and Miss K.M. Finn**
The engagement is announced between Lee, son of Mrs Carol Anne Dobbs and stepson of Mr Andy Dobbs, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Marcus Finn, of Bourton-on-the-Hill, Gloucestershire.

**Mr C.M.F. Forbes
and Mlle F. Toulemonde**
The engagement is announced between Christophe, son of Mr Patrick Fergus Forbes, of Atlanta, USA, and Mrs Elizabeth Forbes, of Charlbury, Oxon, and Fanny, daughter of M and Mme Bertrand Toulemonde, of Valenciennes, France.

**Mr P.D. Gee
and Miss N.J.L. Cohen**
The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gee, of Hampstead, London, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Cohen, of Kensington, London.

**Mr S.M. Jackson
and Miss C.M. Langstaff**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Dr and Mrs S. Jackson, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Clare, elder daughter of Mrs P.A. Coombs, of Hale, Hampshire, and Lieutenant-Colonel R.A. Langstaff, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

**Mr S.J. James
and Miss D. Hilditch**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Commander and Mrs D. James, of Sarisbury, Southampton, and Dawn, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hilditch, of Brentford, London, and Ms B. Ryder, of Canberra, Australia.

**Mr D.A. Royce
and Miss C. Kilka**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Royce, of New Malden, Surrey, and Charmaine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S.E. Kilka, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

**Mr C.D. Savage
and Miss R.H. Cutts**
The engagement is announced between Carl, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Edmund Savage, of St Clement, Jersey, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Karl Cutts, of Southport, Merseyside.

**Mr D.A. Walker
and Miss H.M. Austin-Sparks**
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of the late Mr Thomas Kenneth Walker and of Mrs Marjorie Walker, of Great Wakering, Essex, and Helen, younger daughter of the late Mr Graham Austin-Sparks and of Mrs Catherine Austin-Sparks, of Burpham, Surrey.

Marriages

**The Marquis of Huntly
and Mrs C. Millbourn**
The marriage took place on February 15, 1991, between The Marquis of Huntly and Mrs Catheryn Millbourn.

**Mr P.H. Manners Wood
and Mrs F.R. de Steiger**
The marriage took place on March 9, in Arosa, Switzerland, between Peter Hugh Manners Wood and Fermina Ruth de Steiger, only daughter of the late Baron and Baroness de Steiger, late of Cobham, Surrey.

New Bishop of Selby

The Rev Humphrey Vincent Taylor, Secretary of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral, is to be appointed to the suffragan see of Selby, in succession to the Right Rev Clifford Barker, who is resigning on April 30.

New journal

A new scientific journal has been launched dedicated to research on the past 10,000 years (Norman Hammond writes). *The Holoceneend* takes its name from the geoscientists' term for the period since the end of the Pleistocene ice age.

During the Holocene, as the glaciers retreated, some of the most momentous changes in human prehistory and history took place.

Dr John A. Mathews, of the University of Wales at Cardiff, the journal's editor, believes that understanding of environmental changes will be enhanced by knowledge of what happened during the Holocene.

The Holoceneend is published by Edward Arnold, Sevenoaks TN13 2YA.

Tonbridge School

Music Scholarships 1991

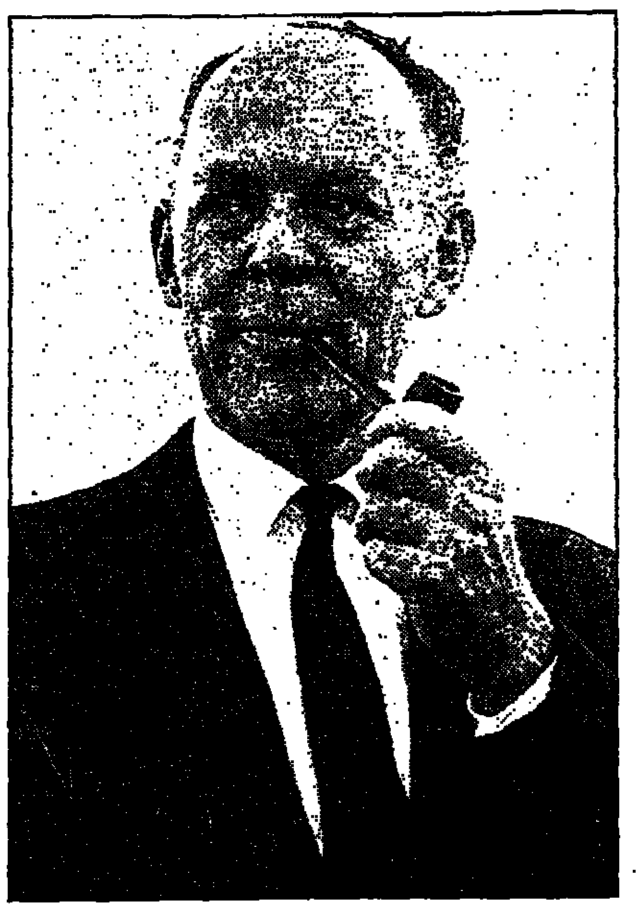
Scholarships have been awarded to the following:

T.A. Ball, Rose Hill School, Tunbridge Wells; D.S.S. Elliott, Westminster Abbey Choir School; B.M. Gummer, St John's College School, Cambridge; G. Silver, Westminster Abbey Choir School; A.M.P. Smith, Hilden Grange School, Tonbridge; J.M. Whybourne, St John's College School, Cambridge.

OBITUARIES

SIR JOSEPH LOCKWOOD

Sir Joseph Lockwood, chairman of EMI from 1954 to 1974, died on March 6 aged 86. He was born on November 14, 1904.



JOSEPH Lockwood was by profession a miller and when he entered the world of recorded music it was with a fresh eye, but an eye that had been trained in the detail of engineering equipment. It was to prove a potent combination in guiding the development of EMI in the competitive conditions of the 1960s.

Joseph Flawith Lockwood was born in Southwell, Nottinghamshire. His father, also Joseph, was a miller and his mother, Mabel, came from a long line of millers. His father died when Joseph was only six years old. After leaving Newark Grammar School at the age of 16 he joined the family mill, where he trained for three years. But two cousins were earmarked to run the business so he went to study milling in Santiago, Chile.

There Lockwood was made manager of a mill when he was only 20, a position he held for four years. But in 1928 he decided that his future lay back home, where he developed an interest in designing and building mills, and joined Henry Simon, a leading company in that field. He remained with the firm for 26 years. For the first five years he was technical manager at Simon's operations in Paris and Brussels. Then he was made a director of the subsidiary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, chairman of the Australian business and director of the parent company. In 1939 Lockwood wrote the first of two books on the industry, *Provender Milling — the Manufacture of Feeding Stuffs for Livestock*.

During the second world war he was put under the charge of Sir Hartley Shawcross and given the task of organising the protection of factories, docks and other vital installations in the North West Civil Defence region. As the outcome of the war became clear, the government drew on Lockwood's milling expertise, attaching him to the working party planning food supplies for Europe after the war. In 1944 he joined the supreme headquarters of the allied expeditionary force as a civilian officer, to supervise the rehabilitation of devastated flour mills and the revival of the railways.

In 1945 Lockwood returned to Simon and soon wrote his second book, *Flour Milling*, which became a standard work and has been translated into several languages. In 1950 he became chairman and managing director of Simon, and a few months later accepted an invitation to become a director of the National Research Development Corporation, where he was involved until 1967.

That was to prove a fateful appointment, for there he encountered Sir Edward de Stein, the merchant banker. Before long de Stein was asked to find a chairman for EMI, then a loss-making gramophone company. Lockwood found that it was run by directors who had fallen into the trap of indulging their musical whims, rather than finding out what the public wanted to hear. He put these decisions in the hands of a committee which judged proposals on Lockwood's criterion that they had to break even within three years. While EMI maintained its reputation for fine classical music, Lockwood's period of office coincided with the boom in popular music, when EMI signed up the Americans Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Paul Anka as well as the biggest prize of all — the Beatles.

Lockwood, who was knighted in 1960, realised the necessity of having a strong US presence and took over Capitol Records, which became America's biggest music company. He also ensured that the company remained at the forefront of technical innovation, which led to the development of the body scanner for medical diagnosis. His engineering interests took him on to the boards of Smiths Industries, Hawker Siddeley, British Domestic Appliances, Beecham Group, Laird Group, and the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation, the Labour government initiative which he chaired from 1969 to 1971.

Although he professed to enjoy the Beatles, his own preference was for classical music. He was particularly fond of Mozart and relished the intimate atmosphere of Glyndebourne. He was a governor of the Royal Ballet School, member of the Arts Council, and chairman of the Young Vic Theatre Company, the South Bank Theatre Board and the Central School of Speech and Drama. From 1971 to 1985 he was also chairman of the Royal Ballet, an appointment in which he took great interest and which gave him much pleasure. He retired as chairman of EMI in 1974, leaving the board five years later.

He never married.

WILLIAM CRABTREE

William Crabtree, architect, died yesterday aged 86. He was born on February 20, 1905.

WILLIAM Crabtree was an architect chiefly noteworthy as the principal designer of the Peter Jones store in Sloane Square, London. It was a building that was well in advance of its time when it was completed in stages between 1935 and 1939 and achieved the distinction of continuing to be admired when the modern style of architecture, of which it was one of the first prominent British examples, had become unpopular.

Crabtree was only 25 when he began work on it, and the means by which the commission came to so young a man were unusual. He learnt his architecture at Liverpool University, where he was one of the star pupils of Professor (later Sir Charles) Reilly, the pioneering head of the school of architecture there. Reilly was a friend of Spedan Lewis, the enterprising and unorthodox chairman of the John Lewis partnership, which had acquired the Sloane Square site for a new store. Reilly encouraged him to plan a forward-looking building and to give the responsibility of designing it to the young Crabtree, who had just qualified and whose final thesis at the Liverpool school had had a department store as is subject. Spedan Lewis agreed, subject to an experienced firm of architects being brought in as consultants. The London firm of Slater and Moberly, which had already designed department stores, was appointed and in the evening the working drawings for Peter Jones were all produced in their office. They also supervised the building process, although the design, unusual in having, among other advantages, natural light penetrating its interior spaces, was wholly Crabtree's.

William Crabtree was born in Yorkshire and became a pupil in the office of a local firm of architects in 1923. He entered the Liverpool School of Architecture in 1925 at the suggestion of Sir Patrick Abercrombie, the town-planner, who was a friend of his father's. He had a successful academic career, winning the Tite Prize in 1929, and in 1928 he worked for some months in New York in the office of Harvey Corbett, the American architect of Bush House in London.

In 1929, on qualifying as an architect, Crabtree moved to London and worked for a year in the office of the late Joseph Emberton, another pioneer modernist. As part of the research he was commissioned to undertake for the John Lewis partnership in 1930, in preparation for the Peter Jones commission, Crabtree visited Holland and Germany, where he studied particularly the work of Erich Mendelsohn. The latter's Schocken department stores influenced Crabtree's design for Peter Jones, most notably their use of curtain-walling. The Peter Jones store was in fact the first London building to derive its external aspect from this constructional method.

During the second world war Crabtree served in the artillery, as a captain in a heavy anti-aircraft battery. After the war he set up his own office, working at first on various extensions and alterations to John Lewis buildings and then on housing, principally in the post-war new towns. He also worked with Professor Abercrombie on reconstruction plans for Plymouth and Southampton.

In 1960 he moved his office to Hampton Court and went into partnership with Wladyslaw Jarosz who continued the practice, with Crabtree as consultant, after the latter's retirement. Together they designed housing, factories, schools and hospitals. An exhibition devoted to the firm's work was held at Leicester Polytechnic in 1981.

In 1941 Crabtree married Sylvia Barrington-Ward, who survives him with their three sons and a daughter.

EDWIN LAND

Professor S. Zeki, FRS, writes:

THE scientific interests of Edwin Land (obituary, March 4), extended well beyond the physics of light and the chemistry of photography. He had a deep interest in the functioning of the brain and the problem of consciousness. These interests, as much as his interest in photography, were to lead him to the study of colour vision. Starting with the common observation that the colours of objects and surfaces change little with pronounced changes in the wavelength composition of the illuminant in which they are viewed — the phenomenon of colour constancy — he developed an ingenious and far reaching computational theory (the retinex theory) of how this could be achieved. Though first proposed in 1959, he spent much time and effort in refining and improving it. At first ignored by physiologists and psychologists, it has come to acquire an increasing importance in trying to understand how the brain codes for colours and was one of the first computational theories to be used directly in physiological experiments.

Land himself was obviously very enthusiastic about learning more of how the visual brain works. Past his 70th year his interest was sufficiently high for him to fly across the Atlantic to attend physiological experiments in my laboratory, returning to Cambridge, Massachusetts, at their termination. The first such occasion was a tense one for me and my colleagues. We were concerned that the experiment might fail and lead to a wasted journey. Perhaps sensing this, Land immediately put us at ease by explaining that science is a wasteful process and that scientific experiments commonly fail. As it turned out, his first journey here was scientifically successful and was to become the first of many.

But Land was no mere spectator in these experiments. He acquainted himself with many physiological details and would stay on in the laboratory well into the night. The keen, almost childlike, interest of so distinguished an inventor and scientist in these experiments, coupled to a powerful intellectual discussion on the merits of various ways of studying the problem at hand, was an extraordinary example to the young scientists in the laboratory, who grew to develop a profound admiration and affection for him. These were scientific moments which we all cherish.

He was elected a foreign member of the Royal Society in 1986. Failing health prevented him from coming to London to sign the Charter Book of the society. An unbound page of the book (which will eventually be incorporated into the Charter Book) was taken to him at his home in Massachusetts. He signed it and was formally admitted on January 8 this year. By coincidence, his signature appears on that page underneath the signature of Paul Langevin, the French physicist, whose contributions include work on polarisability.

MICHEL d'ORNANO

Michel d'Ornano, former French minister, died on March 8 in a car accident at Saint-Cloud, Paris, aged 66. He was born on July 12, 1924.

MICHEL d'Ornano was one of the most faithful advisers to President Giscard d'Estaing and a key figure in the Union for French Democracy grouping. He was instrumental, as minister for industry and research from 1974 to 1977, in building up France's nuclear energy programme after the 1973 oil crisis.

A descendant of a long line of French aristocrats, he was UDF deputy for Calvados in Normandy from 1967 and president of the Calvados town council from 1979. Although he was born in Paris, he spent much of his career as mayor of the resort of Deauville (1962 to 1977).

In 1977 d'Ornano ran with the support of M Giscard as a Republican party candidate in the first election to choose the mayor of Paris by universal suffrage but was defeated by Jacques Chirac.

D'Ornano served as minister of culture and the environment from 1977 to 1978 and as minister of the environment and the quality of life from 1978 to 1981, when a Socialist government was elected. Most recently, he was the UDF's economic specialist in the National Assembly and headed the assembly's finance commission from 1986 to 1988.

He wrote two books, *A Certain Idea of Paris*, in 1977 and *The Manipulation of the Media* in 1982.

He leaves his widow, Anne, and two children.

Memorial service

Mr Fulke Walwyn
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attended a memorial service for Mr Fulke Walwyn held yesterday at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Lambourn, Berkshire. The Prince of Wales was represented by Colonel Sir Piers Bengough.

The Rev William Stewart officiated and Father Terence Healy led the prayers. Mr Simon Christian read a prayer of thanksgiving and Mr Charles Toller read *Upper Lambourne* by Sir John Betjeman. Mr Nick Gaselee gave an address.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Aubrey, the antiquary, Piercy, Wiltshire, 1626; Thomas Arne, composer of "Rule Britannia", London, 1710; John Frederic Daniell, chemist, London, 1790; Sir William Perkin, inventor of artifical dye, London, 1838; Gabriele D'Annunzio, poet, dramatist and nationalist, Pesacara, Italy, 1863; W. H. R. Rivers, anthropologist, Luton, near Chatham, 1864; Vaslav Nijinski, ballet dancer and choreographer, Kiev, 1890; Jack Kerouac, novelist, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1922.

DEATHS: Saint Gregory, Pope 590-604, Rome, 604; Alessandro Magnasco, painter, Genoa, 1749; Sun Yat-Sen, president of the Republic of China 1911-12, Peking, 1925; Ivar Kreuger, financier, the "match king", committed suicide, Paris, 1932.

The 30 mph speed limit was introduced, 1935.

Judge Rowe Harding

A thanksgiving service to commemorate the life of Judge Rowe Harding will be held at noon on Saturday, April 6, at St Mary's Church, Swansea.

Mr Denys Sutton

A memorial service for Denys Sutton will be held on Thursday, March 14, at 3pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, W1.

Commonwealth Day Observance service

The Queen was present at the Commonwealth Day Observance service held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Prince of Wales attended. The Dean of Westminster officiated and the Rev Dr William Davies, Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, read the lesson.

Sheikh Mahmood Ibrahim, of the Islamic Cultural Centre and the London Central Mosque, read from *The Qur'an* (in Arabic), Rabbi Dr John Rayner read from *The Mishnah Sanhedrin*, Professor Harmindar Singh, Secretary of the Sikh Divine Fellowship, read from *The Guru Granth Sahib* (in Punjabi), the Ven Dr Pandith M. Vajiragnana, Head of the London Buddhist Vihara, read from *The Sutta-Nipata - a Discourse of The Buddha*, the Rev Swami Bhavyananda, of the Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, read from *The Bhagavad Gita* (in Sanskrit).

The Rev Dr John McIndoe, representing the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, introduced the meditation, Canon Vincent Berry, representing the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, said a prayer for the Commonwealth, pupils from the Royal Russell School, Croydon, said *The Prayer for Peace*, and Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, read the Queen's 1991 Commonwealth Day message.

Miss Danielle Eden (piccolo) played *Sarabande* from *Partita in A Minor* by J.S. Bach. The choir of Burntwood School, Wandsworth, and the Red Stripe Ebony Steelband also took part. The flags of the Commonwealth countries were borne in procession to the steps of the sacrarium.

The Prime Minister was represented by Lord Waddington, QC, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords, the Leader of HM Oppsostion by Dr Jeremy Bray, MP, the Leader of the Liberal Democrats by Lord Hampton and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs by the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP. The Secretary of State for Education and Science, the Opposition Spokesman on Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London attended.

Among others present were:

High Commissioners and Agents General and their escorts, Mrs Anyaoku, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, Lord Jakobovits (Chief Rabbi), Lady Waddington, Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head the the Diplomatic Service), Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) and Lady Richards.

Sir Donald Tebbit (chairman, Joint Commonwealth Societies' Council) and Lady Tebbit, Sir Peter Marshall (chairman, Commonwealth Trust and Royal Commonwealth Society) and Lady Marshall, Sir Lawrence Byford (chairman, Royal Over-Seas League) and Lady Byford, Mr A S Westnedge (deputy chairman, English-Speaking Union), Captain Christopher Knight (chairman, Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship) and Mrs Knight.

Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain, Commissioner Bramwell Tillsley (Salvation Army) and Mrs Tillsley, Mr David Tupou (Minister of Justice, Tonga), Mr Edmund Garwe (chief of protocol, President's Office, Zimbabwe), Prebendary Austen Williams and the Precentor, the Chaplain and Sacrist, Canons, the High Steward and the Chapter Clerk of Westminster Abbey.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Air Commodore D. J. Saunders to be Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Logistics) in March, in the rank of Air Vice-Marshal, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal J. H. Harris.

Sir John Coles to succeed Mr R. J. T. McLaren as Deputy Under-Secretary of State (Americas-Asia), the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, from March 18.

Mr John Gray to be Director of Public Affairs for the British Red Cross.

Legal

Mr Bernard Hargrove, QC, and **Mr Charles Harry Durman** to be circuit judges, assigned respectively to the South Eastern Circuit and the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Mr Alan James Blunsdon to be joint District Judge for the Dartford group of county courts and joint District Judge in the district registry of the High Court at Medway, from April 3.

Birthdays today

Sir Antony Acland, diplomat, 61; Dr Giovanni Agnelli, chairman, Fiat Group, 70; Mr R.L.I. Agnew, former chairman, Consolidated Gold Fields, 57; Mr Edward Albee, dramatist, 63; Mr R.E. Alley, artist, 65; Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, 43; Mr Norbert Brainin, former leader, Amadeus Quartet, 68; Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue, Director of the Royal Collection, 60; Mr Willie Duggan, rugby player, 41; Mr John Gross, writer, 56; Mr Philip Jones, principal, Trinity College of Music, 63; Mr A.D. Loehnis, banker, 55; Sir James McKay, former Lord Provost of Edinburgh, 79; Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, 42; Miss Liza Minnelli, actress and singer, 45.

Mr David Mlinaric, interior designer, 52; the Hon Roland Moyle, former MP, 63; Sir Tom Normanton, former MP, 74; Mr Patrick Procktor, painter, 55; Viscount Trenchard, 40; Miss Elizabeth Vaughan, soprano, 54; Mr Paul Way, golfer, 28; Mr David O. Williams, trades unionist, 65; Miss Googie Withers, actress, 74.

Council for Licensed Conveyancers

The following have passed the Council for Licensed Conveyancers' winter examinations 1991:

*** Denotes distinction**

Preliminary examination: E Batcson; V Burnett; J Capps; S Draper; L Glading; P O'Keeffe; H Timms.

Intermediate examination: I Hadley; A Roberts.

Final examination

Landlord and Tenant: G Abrahams; *J Clairmonte; W Harris; L Kia; S Poole; J Ramsay; D Roderick; R Tonkin.

Conveyancing Law and Practice: R Appleton; N Billyard; L Collins; J Dunphy; W Harris; K Hurst; R Magnante; G Mandry; A Nickolls; J Ramsay; S Shadrack; R Tonkin; L Walker.

Accounts: K Hurst; *R Leyland; T McGuire; C Pine; *K Powley; S Ptycia; J Ramsay; E Tennant; D Worrall.

Dinners

International Institute of Biotechnology
Prince Michael of Kent was the guest of honour at the Fellows' Dinner of the International Institute of Biotechnology held last night at the Royal Society, and was received by Professor W.G. Haydon-Baillie, president of the institute.

The 1991 Medal lecture was delivered by Professor Koki Horikoshi. The medal and award was donated and presented by Professor W.G. Haydon-Baillie. Professor T. Beppu, Professor H.W. Blanch, Professor C. Bucke, Professor S-T. Chang, Professor R.B. Flavell, Professor A. Goffeau, Professor P.P. Gray, Professor I.J. Higgins, Professor K. Horikoshi, Professor H-J. Knackmus, Dr N.W.F. Kossen, Professor M. van Montagu, Professor M. Reuss, Professor M.S. Salkinoja-Salonen, Professor B. Sikyta, Professor W.D.P. Stewart were admitted to fellowship. Others present were:

Dr S Aaron, Ms K Adams, Dr M Adlard, Dr G W Alderson, Dr and Mrs R Bates, Dr K Beese, Professor A T Bull, Professor T E Burlin, Dr N H Carey, Professor P H Clarke, FRS, Dr R F Coleman, CB, Dr R E Cripps, Dr B Dixon, Dr C S Evans, Professor J George, Dr W D Grant, Professor P Gray, Ms D Haber, Dr and Mrs D J Hardman, Professor G Holt, Professor D A Hopwood, FRS, and Mrs Hopwood, Mrs S Horikoshi, Dr and Mrs D J E Ingram, Professor D P Kelly, Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, FRS, Mrs N W F Kossen, Professor M D Lilly, FEng, and Mrs Lilly, Dr and Mrs C R Lowe, Professor J G Morris, FRS, Mrs M Reuss, Dr B Richards, Sir Denis Rooke, CBE, FRS, FEng, and Lady Rooke, Professor J H Slater, Sir Alex Smith, Mrs W D P Stewart, Dr P J Warren and Dr A Wood.

Society of Knights of the Round Table
The Speaker attended a dinner of the Society of Knights of the Round Table held last night in Speaker's House. Colonel Alan Neilork, knight vice-president, presided.

Hong Kong Executives Club
Sir David Wilson, Governor of Hong Kong, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Hong Kong Executives Club held last night at the Dorchester hotel. Mr Ronald Wong, chairman, presided. Field Marshal Lord and Lady Bramall, Lady Wilson and Mr John Yaxley, Hong Kong Commissioner in London, and Mrs Yaxley were among the other guests.

Maccabaeans
Lord Justice Balcombe, President of the Maccabaeans, presided at a centenary year house dinner held last night at St Bartholomew's Hospital. Dr Stuart Carne, Professor Peter Lachmann, Professor Michael Rosen and Mr Stanley Simmons were the guest speakers.

Cardiff Business Club
The President of the Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr Brian K. Thomas, and the Right Hon the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor John Smith, were present at a dinner held by the club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Sir David Nicholas, Chairman and Chief Executive of Independent Television News Limited, and Mr Idwal Symonds, Chairman of HTV Cymru/Wales Limited, presided.

Luncheons

Royal Aeronautical Society
Lord Brabazon of Tara, Minister for Aviation and Shipping, was the principal guest and speaker at an aerospace luncheon of the Royal Aeronautical Society held yesterday at 4 Hamilton Place as part of its 125th anniversary celebrations. Mr G.C. Howell, president, was the host.

Royal Society
Sir Anthony Epstein, Foreign Secretary and Vice-President of the Royal Society, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace in honour of Professor Kemal Gürüz, President of Tübitak (the Turkish Research Council-Türkiye Bilimsel ve Taknik Araştirma Kurumu).

Farmers' Company
Mr Robin J. Upton, Master of the Farmers' Company, presided at a livery luncheon held yesterday at Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall. The Masters of the Fruiterers' and Carmen's Companies were among the guests.

University news

Oxford
Elections
MAGDALEN COLLEGE: Honorary fellowships: Justice David H Souter, Mr Peter Brook, Dr Giovanni Agnelli.

es. Lord'. Martha answered. I do believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.''
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BIRTHS

UGGS - On March 9th, to Melissa (née Meisl) and Peter, a son, Frederick Kasper.

HASTEL de BONVILLE - On March 10th 1991, to Shanagh and Simon, a son, Lucian Patrick, a brother for Cornelia and Nicolai.

RANNER-BROWN - On February 16th, to Sarah (née Keeper) and Michael, a son, Thomas Maximilian (Maxim)

ONEY - On February 15th 1991, in California, to Margaret (née Saner) and Jonathan, a daughter, Victoria Jane, a sister for Rebecca.

SSON - On March 8th 1991, to Lucy (née Micklem) and Peter, a son, Archie.

AMMANT - On March 11th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Catherine and Jeremy, a son, Alexander Rory.

ARBAGE - On March 7th, to Julia (née Dunkerley) and William, a daughter, Eleanor Charlotte Herschel, a sister for Charles.

AWKINGS-BYASS - On March 9th, at The Portland Hospital, to Clare (née Johnston) and Nicholas, a daughter, Lydia Jennifer, a sister for Alexander.

UTCHINGS - On March 5th, to Claudia (née Dalton) and Martin, a son, John Charles.

UTTON - On March 7th 1991, to Mary and Graham, a daughter, Jessica Sarah Louise, at York District Hospital.

EFFES - On March 8th, to Linda (née Hope) and Timothy, a daughter, Olivia Imogen Hope, a sister for Philip and Matthew.

LY DE LOTBINIÈRE - On March 8th 1991, to Onky (née Lovett-Scrivener) and Giles, a son, Thomas Louis.

EWMAN - On March 4th, at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola and Richard, a wonderful son, Jack Hedley William.

AMPLE - On March 11th, to Catherine Louise (née Banham) and Paul William Leslie, a daughter, Sophia Ann.

AMUELSON - On March 7th, at The Portland Hospital, to Nicky and Bertie, a daughter, Eloise Betsi.

LCOCK - On March 5th, to Lesley (née Tassi) and Nicholas, a daughter, Hannah Louise.

EZZOTTI - On March 6th, to Alexandra (née Durazzano) and Edoardo, in Milan, a second son, Francesco.

URGE - On March 3rd 1991, to Laura (née Delmar-Morgan) and Nicholas, a son, Dominic Edward.

WYMAN - On March 5th, to Sarah (née White) and Richard, a son, David Andrew.

ICKERY - On March 10th, to Suzanna (née Crean) and Michael, a daughter, Katie, a sister for Jonathan and Thomas.

ATSON - On March 10th 1991, at St Thomas', to Sarah (née Ryder Richardson) and Patrick, a daughter, a darling sister for Geordie.

DEATHS

RAHAM - On March 10th, Nora, of Liphook, Hampshire. Nannie to many children and staunch friend of Dibben family and all who needed her. Service: Guildford Crematorium, 2pm, Friday March 15th. No flowers. Donations to Macmillan Fund.

AMSON - On March 8th, r. Campbell Millar Taggart, beloved husband of Pamela, and much loved father of nn and Geraldine. Funeral ervice at St Mary's Parish hurch, Wotton-under-Edge, los., on Thursday March 4th at 2.30 pm, followed by remation at Gloucester. No owers please, but donations desired for the Stroke Unit, renchay Hospital, may be ent c/o John Grimes uneral Directors, 54b Silver treet, Dursley, Glos.

MER - On March 9th, obert John, aged 61. Much ved husband of Julia and loved father of Jane and aroline. Cremation at uildford Crematorium, iday March 15th at 2.30 . Family flowers only. nations if desired to King ward VII Hospital, dhurst, West Sussex.

BRAY - On March 8th, peacefully at home after a full and entertaining life, Margaret Gertrude (née Cockman) aged 87, wife of the late Arthur Patrick and mother of Frances, Geoffrey and Philip. Funeral at 3 pm on Friday March 15th at St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon. Garden flowers only from the family. Donations may be sent to the R.N.L.I. c/o Malcolm Jones (Funeral Director), 368 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 1HQ.

COCKS - On March 6th, Hugh Cecil, of Woodside Green, husband of Heather and father of Caroline. Funeral Service at Great Hallingbury Parish Church on March 18th at 1.45 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations may be made to St Giles', Great Hallingbury.

COX - On March 6th, Mabel Frances McKay, aged 82, of Sutton Scotney and formerly of Farley and Pentridge. Wife of the late Sir Herbert Cox. Service following family cremation at All Saints Church, Farley, on Wednesday March 20th at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to The Macmillan Unit, Odstock Hospital c/o Gerald W. Burden, Phoenix, Church Street, Amesbury, Wilts., tel: (0980) 623262.

CRABTREE - On March 11th, peacefully at home after a short illness, William Crabtree, F.R.I.B.A., aged 86. A loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private. Please no flowers.

FAVILLE - On March 10th, peacefully in Avonleigh Nursing Home, Bristol, Polly, beloved wife of Roy, mother of Sarah and Warwick.

IRWIN - On March 10th 1991, Eileen Hope, of Minehead, Somerset, aged 85 years. Beloved aunt of Frances, Kevin and Patrick. Requiem Mass at St Andrew's Church, Minehead, on Thursday March 21st at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, c/o Murrell & Dewar, Irnham Road, Minehead.

JUDD - On March 8th at The Westminster Hospital Thomas aged 73, Beloved husband of Doris and very much loved dad and grandad.

KIRWAN - On March 7th, suddenly, Eileen Mary, beloved wife of Joseph and much loved mother of David, Anne and Andrew. The body will be received into The Holy Rosary Church, Yarnells Hill, Oxford, at 7 pm on Wednesday March 13th and Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.30 am on Thursday March 14th, followed by burial in Botley Cemetery.

LAIDLAY - On March 9th, peacefully at Brendoncare Nursing Home, Froxfield, Marlborough, Enid Florence Beatrice, aged 87 years, widow of Peter, beloved mother of Alison, grandmother of Timothy and Caroline and last surviving daughter of the late Captain F.W. Ramsden, Coldstream Guards and The Lady Maud Ramsden. The funeral will take place at All Saints Church, Ham, Wilts. Enquiries and flowers to Camp Hopson, Newbury. Donations to Froxfield, Brendoncare.

LAWTON - On Mothering Sunday, March 10th, peacefully in hospital, Bessie aged 88, beloved wife of Professor Harold W. Lawton, wonderful mother, grannie, great-grannie, aunt, great-aunt and friend to so many. Cremation private. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to:- The Hospital Staff Fund, Fitzwilliam Hospital, Peterborough, PE3 9YQ. Memorial service and interment of ashes at St Nicholas Church, Cottesmore, Rutland, on Tuesday April 2nd at 12 noon and afterwards at Fir Tree Farmhouse, Main Street, Cottesmore.

LINDSAY - On March 9th, suddenly in Ibiza, James Robertson aged 49. Beloved husband of Elizabeth and father of Felicity and Barrie. Dear son of the late Sir William Lindsay and Lady Lindsay and brother of Jennifer and Fertina. Funeral private in Ibiza. Thanksgiving Service to be announced.

LOCKWOOD - On March 6th, Sir Joseph Flawith, peacefully at home, aged 86. Funeral has taken place. No memorial service at own request.

LYONS - On March 8th, peacefully at home, Andrew Bernard, beloved husband of Dinah and father of Alan and Shirley, sadly missed by his brother, grandchildren, stepchildren, family and friends. Funeral has already taken place.

MEYER - On March 9th 1991, peacefully in Bristol General Hospital, R.J.O. Meyer (Boss), of Wells, Somerset. Founder and former Headmaster of Millfield School, Street, Somerset. Beloved husband of Joyce, devoted father of Jillian and Jacqueline; adored by his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all his family. Private cremation for family and close friends at Taunton Crematorium on Monday March 18th at 12 noon. Time and place of memorial Service to be announced later in the press. Enquiries and if desired donations for The Somerset County Cricket Club, Centenary Appeal for the Indoor School of Excellence, c/o Forsey and Son Funeral Directors, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

MIDDLETON - On 26th January 1991, Valentine (known as Vallia) late of Wahroonga, Sydney, Australia. Widow of the late Hugh Middleton of Shanghai, China.

MOSSERI - On March 9th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Robert Victor, beloved husband of Dorothy and devoted father of Ann, Vicki and Bobby. Funeral Service at Weybridge Cemetery, Brooklands Lane, on Thursday March 14th at 11 am. No flowers by request. Donations to Save the Children Fund.

NORTHWAY - On March 8th, at The Castle, Jester, "Sir" Noj, sadly missed by all.

PRICE - On March 6th, in hospital in Napanee, Ontario, after a long illness, Michael, formerly of Hoylake, loved husband of Sylvia and adored uncle of Judith and Sarah. He will be so very sadly missed.

RANDLE - On March 6th, suddenly at his home, George Ormonde, aged 76 years, father of Jeremy. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday March 15th at 3 pm. Family flowers only.

RIDDICK - On March 9th, peacefully at home, Cecilia Margaret, dearly loved wife of Julian and mother of Robert, Elspeth and Graham. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Shipton-under-Wychwood, on Friday March 15th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, Anchor House, 15/19 Britten Street, London SW3.

ROXBURGH - On March 8th, peacefully at Flowerdown N/H, Winchester, Helen Durie Roxburgh, aged 85 years. Former Headmistress of Winchester County High School for Girls 1951-1968. Service at Winchester Cathedral on Friday March 22nd at 12 noon, followed by cremation. No flowers by request, donations if desired to Winchester Cathedral Trust c/o Jno Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester. (0962) 844044.

SHEDDEN - On March 6th 1991, peacefully in hospital, George Thomas Eugene, aged 83. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations if desired to Westminster Carers Service, St James the Less Centre, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 2PT.

SHIELDS - On March 9th, in hospital, Dr. David Compston Shields, Officer (Brother) of the Order of St John, aged 66 years of North Tawton, Devon, much beloved husband of Jean, father and grandpa. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, North Tawton, on Friday March 15th at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired for Okehampton St Johns Ambulance may be given at the service.

STEWART - On March 7th 1991, Claude James, dear husband of Deetta, brother of Cila Haslett. Funeral Service March 14th, 2.30 pm, N. Devon Crematorium.

STONEMAN - On March 9th, peacefully, John Philip (Jack), aged 76 years, husband of Margaret, of Kenilworth, father of Margery, Peter, Richard and David. Funeral at St John's Church, Kenilworth, on Thursday March 14th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations for Macmillan Fund for Cancer Relief to A. Pargetter and Son, City Mews, Lamb Street, Coventry, tel: (0203) 223343.

STUART - On March 8th, peacefully in Stroud Hospital, Sylvia Edith Stuart, of Painswick, Glos. Beloved of family and many friends, and ex-pupils of Guildford High School. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Painswick, on March 15th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. If so desired donations could be sent for 'Cotswold Care' (Hospice), c/o Burdock & Son, New Street, Painswick, Glos.

TATHAM - On March 9th 1991, peacefully at her home, Mona Cicely Tatham M.B.E., in her 90th year, sadly missed by her niece Sue Scholes and family and friends. Funeral Service on Tuesday March 19th at St James' Church, Shere, at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. If desired donations for Multiple Sclerosis may be passed to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

THONGER - On March 4th 1991, suddenly at Northwick Park Hospital after a long illness, Richard Diarmid Freer, father of Caroline and Vivian, grandfather of Thomas, Marcus, Sophie, Max and Clio. Cremation Friday March 15th 1991 at Bedford Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium at 12.10 pm. Flowers to Massey's of 142 Station Road, Harrow.

TOSSWILL - On March 10th 1991, Timothy, formerly of Cullompton, Devon, father of Stephen, Rosalind and Jennifer, grandfather of James, Nicolas, Susanna and Maya. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Kentisbeare, Devon, at 2.30 pm on March 15th. Family flowers only please. If desired, donations to a favourite charity.

VENN - On March 9th 1991, after a long illness suffered with courage, Cecil Venn, aged 72 years, of Newton Ferrers, Devon. Funeral private - Friends who wish to give donations in his memory please send to St Luke's Hospice, Turnchapel, Plymouth, Devon.

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Although the causes of the disaster and its full extent have not yet been clearly established, the different accounts are in agreement as to the following facts. Some 1,800 miners had descended into the pits when between 6.30 and 7 am. an explosion of quite exceptional violence occurred, projecting into the air three cages with their living contents which were being lowered in different shafts, lifting off the roofs covering the mouths of the pits and instantaneously killing a workman and a horse standing near by.

This was followed shortly afterwards by the arrival at the surface of four of the survivors who had climbed up the ladder after making their way to the air over the bodies of men and horses prostrated by the explosion. Scarcely had they had time to tell their story when flames began to issue from the pits' mouths.

STATEMENTS BY *SURVIVORS*

The hopes of the population have been to some extent revived, since two miners were found alive at midnight. One of these men, Léon Cerf, gave an account of his experience to M. Dubief, the Minister of the Interior. After the explosion their foreman told them to lie down. They thus escaped the first gust of poisonous air that passed them, but they found themselves prisoners. It was impossible, he said, to describe the agony of the eight hours' waiting that followed.

At 3 o'clock the foreman said, "I feel that I am dying, let us try to get out". They then started off in Indian file. Suddenly they were warned by the foreman of danger ahead and turned in another direction, but five minutes later, when they looked back to see him, he had disappeared, having probably fallen. Before leaving the *cul de sac* in which they had taken refuge, the foreman had written down their names. "At length at 4 o'clock, we were able to leave that hell. Unfortunately, my 15-year-old son remained behind. I could only save my little nephew, whom I carried on my back for more than 40 minutes, groping my way on my knees."

Although a certain proportion of the bodies recovered showed signs of asphyxiation, a large number were so fearfully mutilated as to be unrecognisable, having been burned or crushed. Between 11 o'clock last night and 6 o'clock this morning, the number of bodies brought to the surface did not exceed a couple of dozen.

M. Léon, the chief engineer, gives the *following tentative* explanation of the catastrophe. A fire broke out in one of the adjoining pits on Wednesday last. The usual precautions for its extinction had been taken, but it was possible that some fissure had remained unclosed, through which the products of combustion escaped into the neighbouring pits and there formed an explosive mixture. As the miners worked with bare lights, a single lamp would, in these circumstances, suffice to cause the explosion. But M. Léon added that this was, however, a mere hypothesis.

One of the survivors has made a statement to a correspondent of the *Gaulois* to the effect that, in the rush made for the cage which would take them to the fresh air, the miners rolled over each other. He had an arm broken and received contusions all over the body, so much so that he fainted while he was being hoisted up, and was so stupefied that on reaching the surface he was at first unable to answer questions put to him by women asking news about their friends.

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DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
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DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 1991
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA,
Liquidator Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants P O Box 553 30 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LF

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Registered number: 02045294. Nature of business: HOTELIERS. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 7TH MARCH 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: CO-OPERATIVE BANK PLC. 1 Balloon Street, Manchester. M60 2ED. Joint Administrative Receivers: STEPHEN JOHN AKERS and GRAHAME JOHN WATTS (office holder no(s): 6460 and 2744). Address(es) 55/57 HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON. WC1V 6DX and 12 BOOTH STREET. MANCHESTER. M60 2ED

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IN THE MATTER OF
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-and-
IN THE MATTER OF
MALCOLM CLIFFORD LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 19th March 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 5th day of March 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G. GODDARD
DIRECTOR

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas and Mr Stephen Lord of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require
DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
E W FITTON
DIRECTOR

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(Registered No. 2371848)
Nature of Business. Importer and Seller of Timber. Trade Classification: 22. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 14 February 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Joseph Beaumont Atkinson and Andrew Philip Peters. Office Holder Nos. 1060 and 241 of Touche Ross and Co. Newater House, 11 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3NY.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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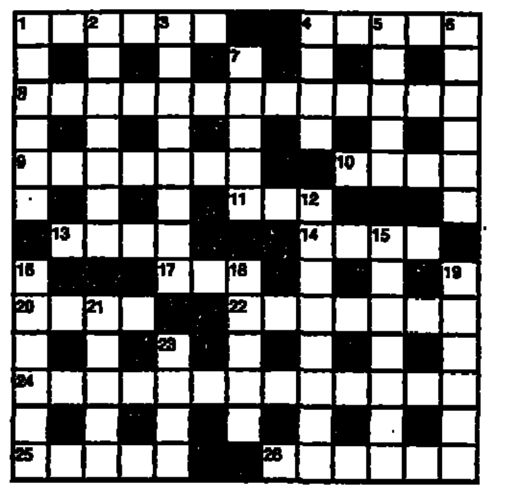

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Polishing up the British act

Quality and quips were twin themes of the London Designer Show. Liz Smith reports

British fashion had been hoping for a miracle when it staged the London Designer Show last weekend. It has had to settle for small blessings.

Polished collections from such well-established designers as Caroline Charles, Edina Ronay and Paul Costelloe should supply the British wardrobe with more colour and verve next winter. Enough of the sartorial gags that the world has come to expect from London's trend-setting designers were paraded, most successfully at high-spirited shows by Helen Storey and Red or Dead.

The budgets of American and Japanese buyers, fashion's traditional big spenders, have been cut this year — the recession, the exchange rates and the Gulf war can all share the blame. And most British fashion designers learnt long ago not to bank on the home market. Since the Sixties, a high point for British designers but the nemesis of manufacturing standards and style, high street shoppers prefer to splash out on masses of cheap, shoddy garments rather than enjoy a few higher-priced, quality clothes. But that is another story.

Short cuts: (from left) Arabella Pollen tunic and skirt, sequinned Jean Muir, Paul Costelloe tapestry suit, colour and checks by Caroline Charles

The chic new exhibition centre in the King's Road, Chelsea, has proved to be an efficient and glossy fashion showcase, and London's notoriously independent-minded designers have rallied themselves into a stronger marketing force, supported by the British Fashion Council under the chairmanship of Sir Ralph Halpern.

The decision of so many top designers not to stage a show this season, including Jasper Conran, Bruce Oldfield and Workers for Freedom, was accepted as a sensible curb on unnecessary hype, rather than an economy measure enforced by individual circumstances.

The cut and quality of Jasper Conran's new line is best appreciated in close-up, staged in a static display in his West End studio, where the designer was able to talk confidently about the new scoop to his necklines, the softened curve to his cut, the flattery of narrow armholes and a long, slim line. In their Soho showroom, Workers for Freedom are in gypsy mood. But their gypsy is dressed in an embroidered jacket and brocade or ribbon-trimmed waistcoat, rather than in a flouncy dirndl.

At the trade exhibition which operated alongside the designer shows, Joseph's ribbed, knitted tunics, cabled leggings and cashmere bodies, the "tricots" that will be the fashionable cocoon for next winter, were selling briskly.

Rifat Ozbek showed khaki wool, patent or padded gold jackets, zipped for a closer fit, and worn over jungle-printed leggings and stretchy skirts, with a leather corset and African headwrap twisted by London's fashionable milliner, Philip Treacey. Embroidered tweed and velvet jackets, edged in silky cord, and padded silk jackets will become Ozbek classics, and might lure back the custom of the Princess of Wales.

But what of the wackier end of British fashion? Has the subversive element gone straight? Living up to her British Fashion Council award as Designer of the Year, Vivienne Westwood produced a vintage collection. She will show it in Paris next week, but paraded in London a few of her sweetheart tartan suits and long skinny dresses, or short, loose coats in slashed leather and fake fur, tied up with bows.

Red or Dead staged a hilarious parade of pom-pommed candlewick boleros, poodle-shaped handbags and plastic macs printed with greetings-card puppies, parrots and goldfish. Liberace's glittery candelabras, grand pianos and dollar signs decorate navy stretch Lycra separates.

Helen Storey is clearly torn between pushing forward with innovative fabrics and decorations, and supplying the sexy evening dresses with which she has established her name. Her show combined highly saleable crystal-fringed jeans, brocade trousers and jet-tasselled dresses with sillier bin-bag and bubble-wrap crinolines worn with vinyl corsets.

Caroline Charles and Edina Ronay both showed collections strong on the short, crisp cut and singing colour of the Sixties in boxy coats and swinging trapeze jackets. With such late-Sixties signals on the opening day it was inevitable that the Seventies could not be far behind. It is a fashion trend already established at the Milan shows last week, and a revival that the fashion business would do well to skip.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

High shine: Rifat Ozbek gold on velvet coat over bodysuit

The bright, neat lines of the Sixties flatter women of all ages. The floppy fashion and murky shades of the hippie decade do not. Arabella Pollen insists that her new flared tunics and skinny, ribbed sweaters, leggings and thigh boots owe more to *The Wizard of Oz* than a hippie revival. Betty Jackson's jersey separates and skinny sweaters come in her favourite dusty shades of pink, pea green and terracotta, all typically Seventies shades, but are brightened with chequerboard print silk shirts and pony-print jersey leggings and tops.

Zandra Rhodes can grab the opportunity to revive some of her best-selling ideas from her heyday in the Seventies. Rich bead and shell-embroidered tunics worn over psychedelic-printed leggings looked fresh in her show, as well as short, pearl-encrusted, printed chiffon dresses.

London's longest-established fashion designer came up with the most contemporary collection of them all. Jean Muir, the British designer most respected by her fashion peers in Paris and New York, celebrated the 25th anniversary of her fashion house with a new sculpted cut. It looks its best in firm suede worn over a skinny black sweater with leggings.

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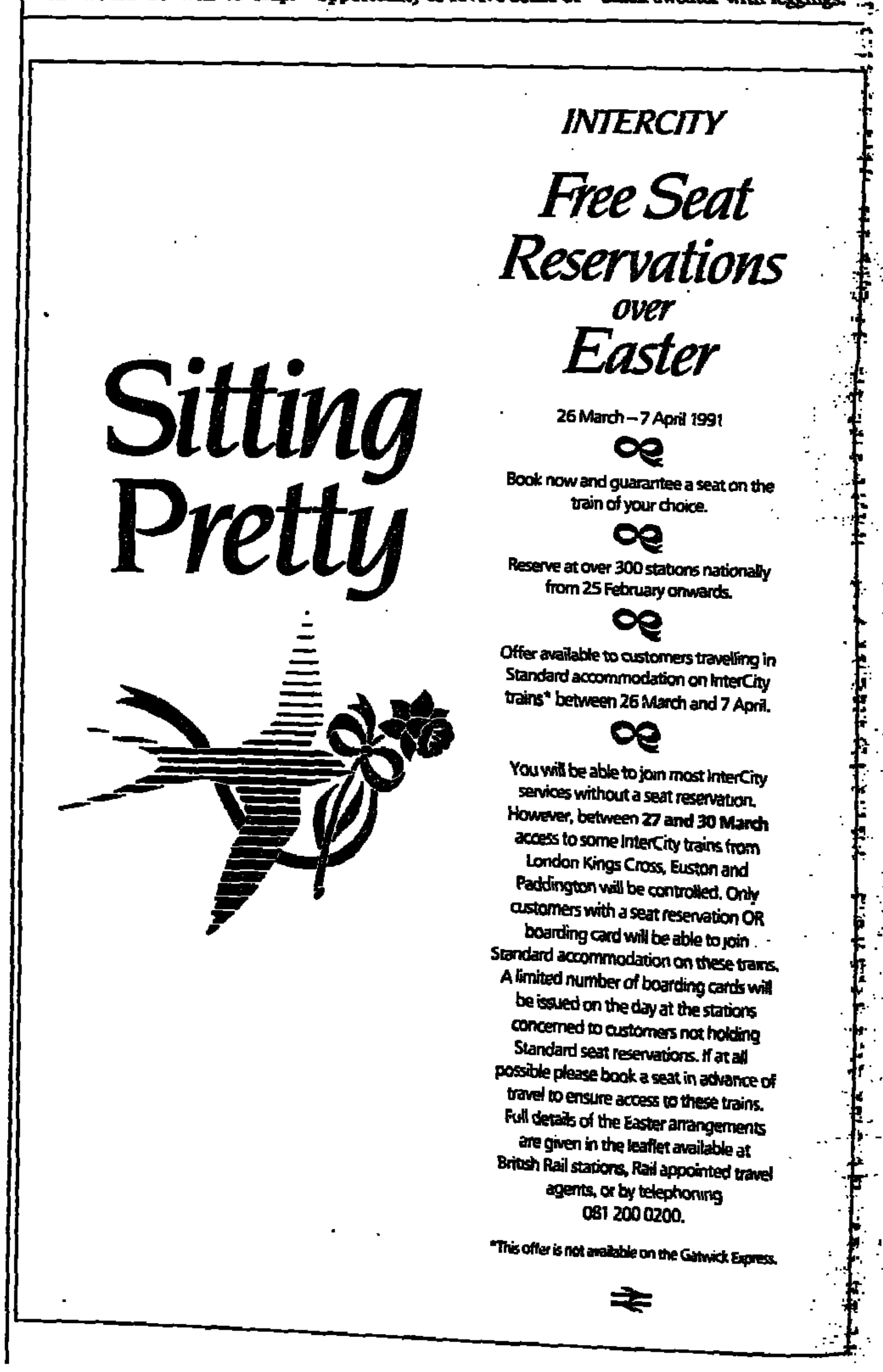

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Another view of life in the middle lane

ne Ideal Home Exhibition is upon us once more — new, improved and, Joseph Connolly fears, unchanged

Hard on the heels of Chelsea Design Week comes the *Daily Mail* Ideal me Exhibition. Whereas former event is intended professional interior de- ers, the good old Ideal ne is emphatically not.

ince its inception in 1908, most British of days out trodden an uncontrover- path through such boons consumerism as oil-fired tral heating, loft ladders, le *glazing, dream kitchens,* d bedrooms and thru- ettes, while maintaining its cial role in introducing h *wonders as whitewood* ket boxes, after-dinner t trolleys and musical nets. Small wonder, then, many people's memories their Earls Court pil- nages remain inextricably ed with rose-tinted visions ie Regent Street Christmas ts, made heady by the ed bouquets of Marmite iers and Horlicks.

y the Sixties, it had be- e clear that the annual *tschrift* was going nowhere, ch of its impedimenta ly accessible in depart- *nt stores and already* ren- ed decidedly middle-aged he boldly pioneering Habi- Increasingly, visitors were nding *the exhibition* hav- not even entertained the ion of being inspired to nge their lifestyles as a ilt of *some* innovatory cept; they were more likely come away with a dual pose carrot shredder and timer than any sense of ving experienced a alising glimpse of the nestic future.

ut for the 68th exhibition, ning on Thursday, we are nised a total shake-up — s the less than snappy new an has it, "an Ideal Day at Ideal Home Plus". Plus it? "Ideal holidays, ideal lens, ideal food, ideal bodycare, ideal fashion, ideal photography, ideal crafts, ideal finance, ideal classic cars" — even, somewhat desperately, "ideal ideas". Does Ivan Allen, the production *director*, see *this* as a simple exercise in bet-hedging expansion rather than a conscious sharpening up of the interior decoration and design side which — in theory at least — remains the exhibition's brief? "We haven't actually neglected all that," Mr Allen says, *"but it's the plus side* we want to stress."

The truth is that the organisers are trying — as they are *acutely aware* — to strike that most delicate of balances between being seen to be new and vital while exercising enormous care not to alienate the hard core of nearly a quarter of a million loyal annual visitors who thrive on the essentially cosy British middle-class element which still invades the body of the show. "I know all the gadgets and so on on the upper floor are not universally popular," Mr Allen says, "but the great majority of people keep coming back to them."

Just who these people are is revealed by a survey of last year's visitors: 60 per cent were female, and 82 per cent *home owners. The largest* single bracket (nearly 30 per cent) spanned the age range 36 to 45, followed by the 26 to 35 age bracket, which *accounted* for 23 per cent.

What comes as a surprise, is that the 46- to 55-year-olds account for only 15.7 per cent of visitors, and the over-55s 18 per cent. Which of these groups will be attracted to Pottons's "Dream Cottage for the 21st century" — timber-framed, pink-rendered, detached and thatched, its interior boasting not only an Aga cooker but a pantry as well? Who will enjoy Ducal's "new-look furniture designs for the 1990s" — all Victorian reproductions?

And what about *design?* "There is a Design Pavilion," Mr Allen says, "brand new and here for the very first time." That's all right, then.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

● *The* Daily Mail *Ideal Home Exhibition 1991 is at Earls Court 2 from March 14 to April 7, 10am-8pm (Thursday 10am-10pm). Admission: adults £5, senior citizens and children £3, children under 5 free.*

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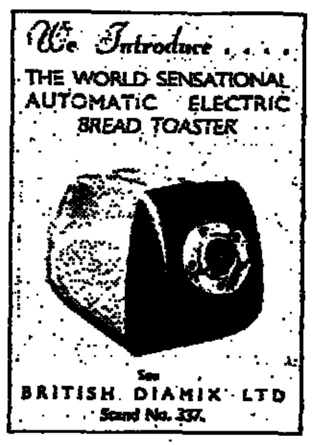
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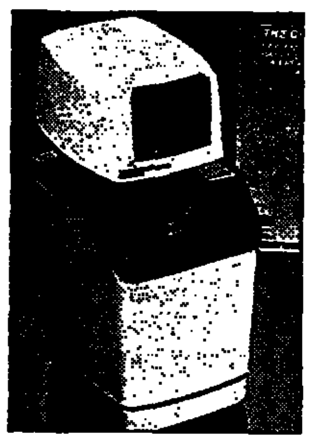

Gadgets: a 1947 toaster and this year's water softener

Suburban dream home: with dormer windows and landscaped garden, the acme of middle-class ambition in 1947

Modern retro: Medina Gimson's 1991 timber and brick house (left) and Bocock Okal's "landhaus" show how little the Ideal Home has changed

A collection of serious wits

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Two thousand pounds for a pair of spectacles? Felicity Jury Cramp happily craft you a pair to ial commission, with up- ot lenses and gold chains lling down the sides. She ie of a small and slightly ndish design group, The RenaisCAnce — the CA ding for (Royal) College of where its members stud- This week their first ion-as-art collection uding some "ready to " spectacles at just over) will be on show at rty, the Regent Street

ie group is led by Harvey ram-Brown, aged 24, a on designer and stylist, includes Sophie Harley, a llery designer, Ms Jury np, and Carolyn Corben, specialises in embroidery textiles.

ving trained in their vidual crafts for six years, now work together use "combining our skills *ates our designs*", Mr ram-Brown says. "For nple, we don't just design llery to decorate gar- s, we make clothes gh a jeweller's eye."

Mr Bertram-Brown's talent was spotted at his degree show last ner, when he accessorised ashion designs with pieces ie other group members. was given an entrée to the lon International Fashion last autumn on a stand sored by the British Fash- Council, and attracted the est of Liberty in London Bergdorf-Goodman and y Bendel in New York.

at make the group's s unique are the compo- parts and the way they ut together. An old rayon mat becomes a scarlet o; a Tibetan prayer fabric s a pair of hot pants; a made from 15-denier s is embroidered *over so* the nylon will not run; from China, lined with a s scarf, changes into a el-style jacket; a bra *is* entirely of designer ent labels.

he bra originated from ing *stuff to the States,"* Bertram-Brown says. y require so many labels into the neck to get gh Customs *that we de-* l to make a garment ely of labels." Mr Bertram-Brown says the work is *intended to be taken seriously.* "We're very serious about being witty," he says.

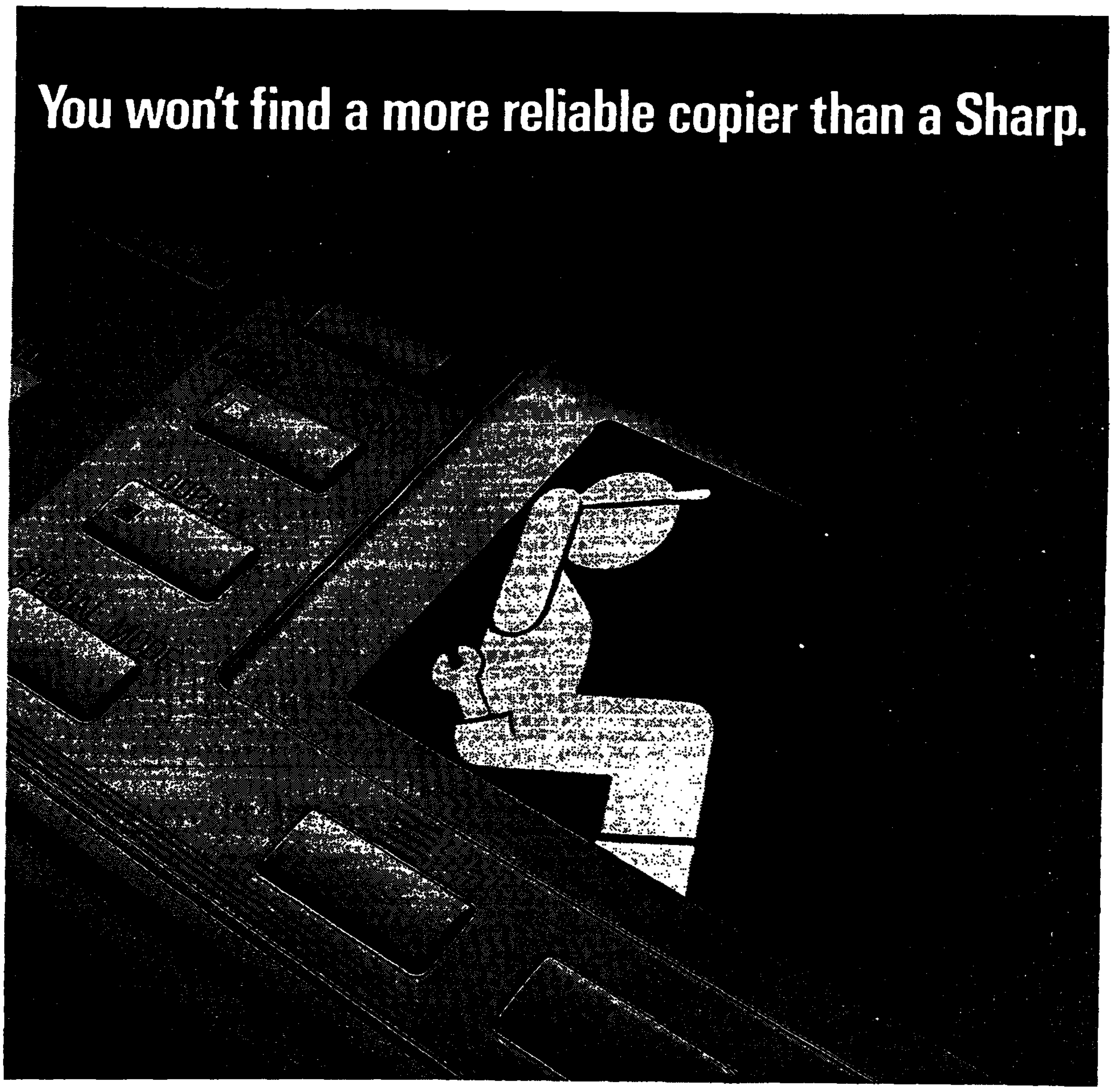
"We would love to make fashion for all ages. We want to dress Madonna, make film props and persuade people to wear imaginative spectacles."

Prices reflect the hours involved in the group's hand-crafted productions. Many garments cost from £500 to more than £1,000, but the group plans simpler items such as T-shirts at about £50.

And the spectacles? Don't mention Edna Everage. "I find it offensive that my designs are compared with the ones Barry Humphries wears," Ms Jury Cramp says. "The designs have to be seen in a fashion context rather than just a wacky idea. I want to supply something a bit special, but I'm not out to convert non-believers."

NICOLE SWENGLEY

Opening doors: velvet keyring dress by RenaisCAnce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MUSIC ON RADIO

Time travelling in the armchair

Paul Griffiths

assesses a weekend with Radio 3

On Saturday night I was in New York for *Der Rosenkavalier* at the Met. But I had been able to hear Gwyneth Jones singing Beethoven and Wagner in the land of her fathers that afternoon, and I was back on Sunday morning in time to travel to one of last year's Proms. One takes Radio 3 for granted, of course, just as one takes for granted the view from one's window, but examining a small part of that view, or concentrating on Radio 3's output for a weekend, may sharpen the response. If and when a commercial classical station gets on the air, it will be hard put to match the range of events and programmes the BBC magics up with resources going far beyond what is available on CD; though no doubt a touch of competition would give Auntie a shot in the arm.

The *Rosenkavalier* performance, jejunely conducted by Jiri Kout, provided a rare chance to hear Pavarotti as the Italian Tenor. It would be quite unfair to suggest that this is the role he was made for, but certainly he was in rich voice and wonderfully simple. Most tenors performing the part nowadays try to sound like Pavarotti; Pavarotti, of course, does not have to try, and the touching readiness of his singing removed all danger of self-parody, preserving for him a natural dignity.

However, the great surprise of the weekend was in the quantity, quality and range of contemporary music being broadcast. Too often the Glock era is regarded as a golden age of adventure, and inevitably that dawn time of musical awareness is going to seem more glamorous than the present mid-day, especially when the BBC no longer has the money to mount the extraordinary invitation concerts of Glock's regime. But in this weekend alone it was possible to hear BBC recordings of Berio and Boulez conducting their own music, besides commercial recordings of Ligeti and Dutilleux, a repeat of James MacMillan's much admired orchestral torrent and lament *The Confession of Isobel Gowdie*, and a programme introducing the work of the ensemble George W. Welch.

But this last item failed to convince, even though it is good to find the BBC now taking a wider view of contemporary music. If Glock had a failing, it was in ignoring what Cage meant rather than in suppressing tonal symphonists. With their self-consciously silly name out of Duchamp and their affiliations to Satie and cheap music, George W. Welch seem to be recapitulating what Gavin Bryars was doing 25 years ago: cultivating a closed garden of English-eccentric experimentalism. The vital difference is that they do not appear to take their lack of seriousness seriously enough, though that might just have been an impression conveyed by the unfortunate format of a chummy group interview (with Chris de Souza) which alienated an audience unable to share in the joke.

As Michael Oliver's *Soundings* proved, a more formal interviewing style can be far more engaging. Oliver's subject was *The Rite of Spring*, but this was not yet another reliving of the scandal in the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées on the opening night. Instead the interviews were with two scholars who have made a study of Nijinsky's choreography and Roerich's designs, and with two conductors, Charles Mackerras and Esa-Pekka Salonen, who could talk about the performance problems and the nature of the music. The result was an hour of constant fascination, achieving what could not be achieved in any other medium: a talk about music in which extracts could instantly, or even simultaneously, illustrate the points being made.

Pavarotti: rich simplicity

This was a programme opening up a whole new genre of musical documentary, and standing in contrast to the straight microphone talks and interviews of *Music Weekly*, whose items would be more natural and more useful in print. One particularly regrettable feature of *Music Weekly* these days is its succumbing to the mania for listings, there being few things more ridiculous than the image of two people in a radio studio shuffling concert prospectuses and making desultory comments.

Part of the problem, perhaps, is the intimation that radio is subservient to the concert hall. Everything else on Radio 3 suggests the hierarchy is in the reverse direction.

Black hole or benison?

As more theatre dramatists are drawn to television, **Benedict Nightingale** asks if this trend is in the writers' interests

What does the theatre's creative talent think it is doing? Last Saturday Kevin Hood, promising young author of *Sugar Hill Blues*, had a play about an unemployed estate agent on Channel 4. Tonight, BBC 1 presents *My Kingdom for a Horse* by John Godber, known for *Bouncers* and other robust stage comedies. Next Sunday, Timberlake Wertenbaker contributes a ghost story, *Do Not Disturb*, to BBC 2's *Screen Two*: a slot that has already been fed this year by David Hare and Alan Bennett, and will soon disgorge Simon Gray's wartime comedy *They Never Slept*.

Are more and more playwrights being sucked into that black hole, television, and running the risk of being converted into artistic antimatter? That is roughly the opinion of the producer Michael Codron seeing, as he does, few good new writers replacing those he fears the theatre has lost. Or is television's parasitism fundamentally benevolent, and anyway less common than a few years ago? That is the view of Mark Shivas, BBC head of drama. Whatever the statistics, there is no doubt that theatre writers have made distinguished contributions to television. The public-at-large manifestly gained from seeing Pinter's *Collection*, Stoppard's *Professional Foul*, Hare's *Licking Hitler*, and Gray's recent *After Pilkington*; and there is no reason to believe that the playwrights themselves lost anything essential because they did a little electronic slumming. If the standard of television drama remains higher in Britain than in America, it is largely because more fine writers, Poliakoff to Griffiths, Julian Mitchell to David Mercer, have crossed from stage to small screen.

> *'Several writers say television has wooed them more energetically and made them feel more wanted'*

Yet the crossing has got less straightforward of late. Television dramas have increasingly ventured out of their studio sets, becoming less like plays and more like films in the process. That may not have created great problems for David Hare, whose best stage writing has cinematic scope and fluidity. Other playwrights have had to make greater adjustments. Wertenbaker typically relished the freedom "to have as many scenes and people as you want, to switch locations and let characters wander in and out as you like". She also found that dialogue and dramatic shape counted far less than on the stage.

"It's easier, and can make you lazy," she says. Indeed, she readily concedes that, after spending two years on *Do Not Disturb* and other films, she has found it hard to regain the discipline necessary for her new stage play, *Three Birds Alighting in a Field*. Others have yet to make their way back from television to theatre. Anthony Minghella won acclaim and awards for his *A Little Like Drowning*, *Whale Music* and *Made in Bangkok*; but has devoted the last six years to British and American television, from ITV's *Inspector Morse* to a new BBC film called *Truly, Madly, Deeply*.

That has left a play commissioned by the Royal Court unwritten and Minghella himself wondering how easy it will be to re-adapt from "a syntax of quick cuts, close-ups, and detail so different from the more open, public medium of theatre". He adds: "I still think that theatre is the proper place for dramatic writing, but I don't feel the same confidence I do now about film."

Minghella is not alone in his evolution. Ron Hutchinson, author of the brilliant *Rat in the Skull*, is now writing scripts in Los Angeles. Hanif Kureishi recently completed a film called *London Kills Me* for Channel 4, and appears to have renounced the theatre. Harwant Bains, another gifted young dramatist of Asian extraction, shows signs of going the same way. Brian Thompson, author of *Tishoo* and *The Light Rough*, has spent the last few years writing *Chelworth* for the BBC. In the late 1980s Nick Ward had two award-winning plays, *Apart from George* and *The Strangeness of Others*, performed at the National; but since then he has, he says, been "moving towards film". His latest play lies neglected and unrevised in a drawer; a film called *Dakota Road* awaits cinema release and a showing on Channel 4, and others will follow.

Money is, of course, one explanation. True, the National, Royal Shakespeare Company and the Royal Court are matching the £5,000 that is the minimum the BBC now pays for a full-length play. True, a good West End run will earn a dramatist far more than any *Screen Two* showing. But few television playwrights receive only the minimum, and success in the West End is neither guaranteed nor frequent, even for the best. Brian Thompson became what he derisively calls "a television typist" because he despaired of earning a good living in the theatre. Tony Marchant, lost to television since the RSC did his *Speculators* four years ago, "would like to do more for the theatre if it was financially realistic". Timberlake Wertenbaker, "in very bad financial straits" even after the successful staging of *Our Country's Good*, can now, she says, afford to buy some decent clothes; and all because of television and film.

Felicity Kendal and Peter McEnery in *Made in Bangkok* (top) by Anthony Minghella, who has scripted *Inspector Morse* (below) with Kevin Whately and John Thaw

But money is not the only attraction. Several writers say that television has wooed them more energetically and made them feel more wanted. Ward goes so far as to say that "the theatre finds new plays an embarrassment and doesn't really want them". Certainly, tight budgets have made producers more wary of taking risks, and also more inclined to look for small-cast, small-set plays, often for small theatres. "It encourages small-minded work and smallness of imagination," claims Minghella. "Why should a playwright go to the theatre to write the kind of bourgeois, interior play that television does less clumsily?"

A superficially stark, simple play can, of course, have imaginative power, as Pinter has shown. Yet it is easy to see why television has proved so tempting to certain writers. It suits naturalistic dramatists who rely more on understatement and inference than on outpourings of language. Now, it has appeal for those in search of size and range. For them the best escape from theatrical boxes may, paradoxically, be the box.

Yet the theatre has its lure, too. Both Marchant and Thompson are likely soon to have plays presented by the RSC. Kevin Hood, though he plans to go on writing for television, is working with Jonathan Miller on a stage play about Galileo. "If you pulled my fingernails out and forced me to choose, I'd go for the theatre," he says.

For him, the possibility of creating deeper characters and richer dialogue justifies the greater time and work it takes to complete a stage play. For Marchant, the appeal is partly the exhilaration of live performance, partly his belief that a stage dramatist has more control over the finished play and a better chance of making his voice and views strongly heard. For others, it is what Michael Attenborough, busy commissioning new plays for the RSC, calls "the opportunity to escape the naturalistic straitjacket". It was with some relief that Peter Flannery, for instance, turned from the series *Blind Justice* to the play *Singer*, far too imaginatively exotic a piece for television.

Moreover, even the most successful screenwriters have a sneaking suspicion that, despite everything, the theatre is still where lasting reputations are made. How many television plays are published, how many revived in interesting new ways, how many subjected to intense critical and academic scrutiny? Television reaches millions, but ephemerally; and Nick Ward surely speaks for many renegade dramatists when he ruefully admits: "Film is more important to me now, but I'd like nothing better than to write a beautiful play."

BRIEFING

Wall-to-wall art

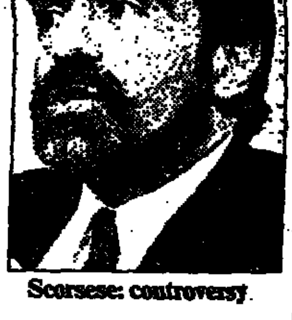
EVEN if the Cold War is no longer with us, the Royal College of Art is hoping that interest in it still is. The College is flying in 30 painted chunks of the Berlin Wall for a four-week exhibition to open in time for Easter. But the daubings are several cuts above the graffiti which television pictures made us so familiar with. Each block in *Artists for Freedom* has been painted by a different international artist.

Northward

ROBERT North, formerly associate director of London Contemporary Dance Theatre and artistic director of Rambert, is to become ballet director in Gothenburg, Sweden, from July 1. Since his departure from Rambert five years ago, his work as a freelance choreographer has taken him to Gothenburg each year. North has also been ballet director at the Turin Opera House.

Tempting fate

LIKE a forgotten Japanese soldier emerging from the jungle, the controversy over *The Last Temptation of Christ* has come blinking out of the Belfast backwoods. First, the University of Belfast included Martin Scorsese's film in a special "film and religion" event. The opening shot was then fired when the Rev Ian Paisley thundered denunciation from his pulpit. A Miss MacPherson unsuccessfully sought an injunction to prevent the showing; councillor Billy Snoddy persuaded the local council to withdraw its £100 subsidy; the sponsors, Calor Gas, nervously disclaimed it. However, the affair was defused when protesters were informed that the film has been selling briskly in Belfast video stores.


Scorsese: controversy

Last chance...

THE RSC's five-week sojourn in Newcastle-upon-Tyne comes to an end on Saturday. Each week, the Theatre Royal and the Playhouse have presented a different pair of plays from last year's Stratford season. The final pair are *The Comedy of Errors*, with Desmond Barrit giving an astonishing double act as the Antipholus twins, and Ralph Fiennes and Amanda Root as the doomed lovers, *Troilus and Cressida*.

RADIO

This is the age of rhinos in Pinner

ON SATURDAY afternoon a sheet of ice a mile thick covered the whole of Scotland and northern England. The situation was grim enough even farther south, with reindeer at Dover, wolves on the banks of the Thames and woolly rhinoceros in Pinner – all waiting, one imagined, for Raquel Welch to be invented. But it was not the imagination of The Birth of Europe (Radio 4) that startled the ear so much as the staunch ethnocentricity of the introduction to a series thus titled. Even Peter France's description of an average Neanderthal man needed only a pair of Union Jack shorts to transform him into a cartoon synopsis of Colin Moynihan's worst apprehensions.

Extrapolating from the familiar to the exotic is a task of which many listeners are capable without requiring quite such a hairy paw on their shoulders, without turning palaeontology into an open-ended present historic for "dramatic" purposes. But then, now that we are all good Eurocits we must be gently tutored in our common inheritance. We must remember that Europe began in Africa, firstly with Neanderthal United and secondly with "modern people" (actually Cro-Magnon Man), who gradually supplanted them. In the peerless word of a Stone Age curator at the British Museum, the newcomers were "different people with a different lifestyle". And then, one thought, the whole neighbourhood went downhill. It is a point worth making because the prehistoric coexistence of human with hominid was surely the origin of racism. The day that "*espèce de belge*" ceases to be employed as an insult is the day I start believing in the Whig theory of history. Outside my window thick fog shrouds the Channel, and the Continent is cut off yet again.

If marooned on a desert island, a certain half-French former boy-soprano would like to take with him works by Mozart, Sibelius, Elgar and Beethoven, the complete Sherlock Holmes stories and a high-powered hunting rifle with which to shoot game and Man Friday. As samples of European culture these items are scarcely improvable; as a living fossil of mid-century Bohemia, Jeffrey Bernard is an abiding wonder, an amalgam of rancour, wit, sentimentality and posturing. It is a great curiosity, for example, that he should object to his alcoholic intake being exaggerated by *Private Eye*.

The chief appeal of Desert Island Discs (Sunday, Radio 4) was the suspicion that the valetudinarian castaway might expire in the course of the interview. "Dying might be like going on holiday," Bernard proposed, wistfully; and with his luck the venue would probably turn out to be Benidorm rather than his beloved Barbados. In the course of the programme Sue Lawley sounded increasingly like a staff nurse keeping the patient talking while she considered the most opportune moment to push the panic button.

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GALLERIES

To Glasgow on a platter

Andrew Gibbon Williams praises the thinking behind a collection of contemporary art currently being assembled

Last week, a pop singer on one of Scottish television's arts magazine programmes gleefully opined that art was Glasgow's new industry. Tell that to an unemployed Clydeside shipyard worker, I thought, and the response would be an unequivocal "Glasgow kiss" (to those unfamiliar with Glaswegian slang, a head butt). The idea that riveting guns were beaten into paint brushes during Glasgow's year as European City of Culture is, of course, as wide of the mark as it is amusing. Yet the singer was on to something: walking down Sauchiehall Street, where posters for Brecht plays still bedeck pub entrances, it certainly feels as if art is in the air. Glasgow's image has been changed, and with it the atmosphere.

In spite of a gloomy financial post-mortem and the vituperative denunciations by Glasgow's hard left, the consensual verdict seems to have been that the Year of Culture was "a good thing". Since Hogmanay, however, there have been muttered misgivings. Has the City of Culture Year left as little trace as the Garden Festival? Is the stark new concert hall the only permanent asset the city has to show for it all?

Anticipating the criticism of having just pushed the boat out for the 12 months, Glasgow Museums and Art Galleries came up with the perfect riposte. To commemorate the city's temporary status, Julian Spalding, their director, joined forces with the Labour leader of Glasgow City Council, Pat Lally, to instigate an original and progressive scheme to augment the Glasgow galleries' surprisingly paltry holdings of contemporary art. The council agreed to invest £3 million on behalf of the galleries, freeing the annual interest for new purchases. With continuing high interest rates, it has proved a good move and, during this first year, the total amount available through interest has been £400,000. Certainly no other city in Britain, if not Europe, has engaged in anything quite so imaginative.

Only £237,000 of the first year's interest has so far been spent, but the works purchased have been put on show. Sensibly, Spalding decided to look to his own backyard first, and collect works by established Scottish artists. Few would quibble over the precedence accorded John Bellany, Scotland's pre-eminent Expressionist painter. Londoners will be acquainted with his style from the Underground poster enticing tourists to Chinatown. At Kelvingrove, the artist can be appreciated at all important stages of his development.

There are the dour, totemic fisher-folk of his East Lothian home town, which he painted against the fashionable grain of pop art in the Sixties, and a more recent series of fiery water-colour self-portraits which document Bellany's remarkable recovery from liver transplant surgery, the latter as devoid of self-pity as Van Gogh's similar essays. A drawing entitled "Salomé", in which Bellany's wife presents his head on a platter, illustrates the myth-weaving way in which the artist's imagination now functions. But the best chosen acquisition is an angry oil called "Prometheus II", in which the artist depicts the mythical hero with whose liver problems he can so easily empathise.

Hanging near to Bellany, the *sotto voce* talent of Craigie Aitchison looks misleadingly feeble. His picture of the Crucifixion is a typically oddball vision (the tiny execution is dwarfed by the dominant diagonal of a tree trunk), apparently inspired, though incredibly, by Dali's overwhelming version in the Glasgow collection. Aitchison is an original and well-deserved inclusion.

The fact that disparate personalities such as Bellany and Aitchison should rub shoulders is indicative of the chief virtue of Spalding's collecting policy: he is being steadfastly catholic. As if further confirmation were needed, there is a self-portrait of John Byrne, author of the hit television series *Tutti Frutti*. He appears in country and western garb inspired by his more recent script for *Your Cheatin' Heart*, proving there is no reason why primary fame in one field should scupper recognition in another.

The fund has not only been directed at painting; there are photographs in profusion. By far the best are the numerous serial views of Scotland by Patricia Macdonald, which manage that rare transmogrification from documentation into fine art. A field of brilliant oil seed rape, for example, forms a perfect parallelogram on the coast opposite the Bass Rock; the symmetry of human cultivation accidentally counterpointing nature's own.

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Faith in Spalding's taste in photography, however, is somewhat dimmed when confronted by the inflated photographic puns of Ron O'Donnell. Obviously concocted tongue-in-cheek to enamour the vulgar patrons of Manhattan galleries, these are the most blatant symptoms of the guile and commercialism which have sullied the success of several of Scotland's younger artists. In the less offensive of the two purchased, entitled "The Scotsman", a football-headed manikin relaxes in an untidy domestic pickle of garish tartan tourist trash. It is a weak visual joke in poor taste destined as surely for the historical dustbin as any fourth-rate Victorian genre piece.

Such contemptible superficiality, it might be thought, would attract children, but when I perused the ensemble last week, those present stood entranced by Ken Currie's gruesome triptych. A virtuoso talent, Currie has carved out a niche for himself as the political conscience of Glasgow's brat pack of figurative painters. Usually in his compositions, the oppressed underclass is to be found grafting away with a vengeance.

But in the Glasgow Art Gallery's "Scottish Stoics", the baroque knots of humanity have been replaced by more hieratic imagery: a prostitute as emaciated as an Auschwitz survivor, a cripple as boil-disfigured as a medieval Saint Roch, a tattooed worker shouldering a rake — all stagger independently within their separate frames. The work is a harrowing overstatement which depends on prurient voyeurism for its effect; no more relevant a reflection of Glasgow life than the sanitised, Utopian version of the city which Saatchi and Saatchi endeavoured to market last year when it handled Glasgow's image as City of Culture.

All in all then, the initial use to which Glasgow Art Gallery's extraordinary acquisition fund has been put bodes well, even if the vagaries of art market fashion appear to be guiding the purchasing policy a little too firmly. Spalding should bear in mind, however, that no contemporary art collection of integrity should aspire to be an archive of transitory taste.

If Glasgow's modern collection is to rival those of comparable cities on the Continent, which is the declared aim in this case, then imagination allied to connoisseurship should be spiced with a little daring.

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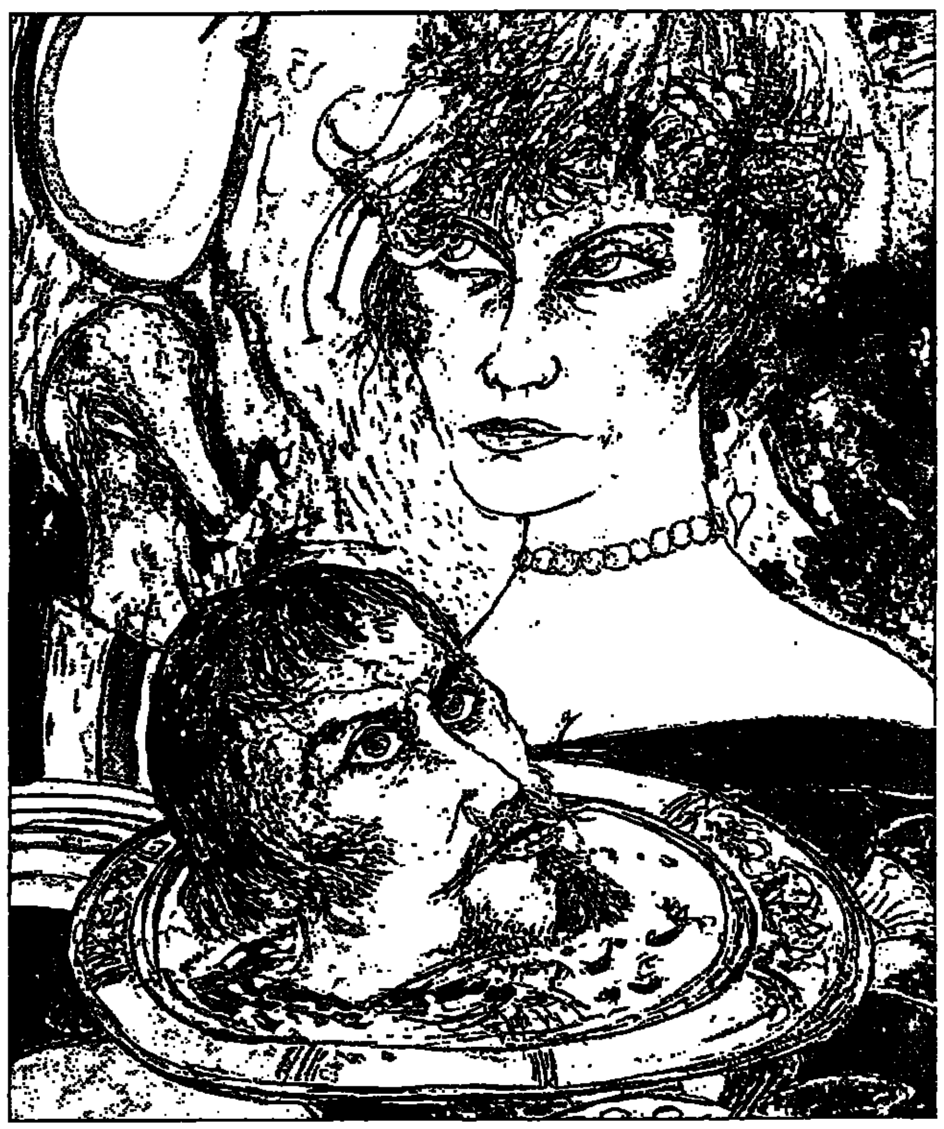

Husband and wife: "Salomé", from the myth-weaving imagination of John Bellany

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IAN Francesco Busenello's le of successful sin in Nero's ome is now known to have ad music by various compos's apart from Monteverdi, ossibly including Francesco acrati as the author of the ipturous final duet. Since the ource material is musically keletal, any performance invitably adds one more ollaborator to the list, and ené Jacobs's beautiful recoring shows him equipped for e task. Flesh is added to the ones: Jacobs enriches the ccompaniment for more foral passages with flutes or a nall string group, and with umpets in the finale; he also lds little instrumental pieces, hich nicely punctuate the erformance.

All this is just, there being o reason why we should not low ourselves the same freeoms to arrange and modify were available to musicians the 17th century. And cobs similarly finds a fruitl middle way between astic "authenticity" and boldced reconception in his erforming style. The instruental ensemble is small and ght — small and light enough bend very productively to e voices — and yet also weetly euphonious: this is onderful reassurance that aroque strings did not have sound scrawny. In the same ay, the singers allow themlves a full range of poignant d powerful devices without rfeiting their agility. Fleetess even becomes a way into e sensuous enjoyment of ords, of singing and of artnership with other singers instrumentalists: the sensuus enjoyment essential to enetian opera, where music the way poetic drama is ade specially expressive, fluent and delicious.

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There are also outstanding performances from Jennifer Larmore as the nobly suffering Ottavia, from Michael Schopper as the sonorous philosopher going willingly into death, and from Gerd Türk in a variety of tenor roles. The lowlife characters are tricky, as so often they are in Shakespeare, but Dominique Visse's quite uncanny counter-tenor gives him the means to interact with Larmore: cynical common sense can speak to grandeur when it is voiced so weirdly.

LIKE *Poppea*, Monteverdi's 1610 Vespers requires a creative interpretation of the page, and the two new recordings directed by John Eliot Gardiner and Philip Pickett could hardly be more different. The Gardiner version, performed inside St Mark's in Venice, is big, rich and magnificent, with a full chorus for the psalms, widely spaced groups of soloists, a distant children's choir for some ethereal passages, and all around the rolling acoustic of the place where Monteverdi himself worked. Pickett would rather see this as chamber music: everything is sung by soloists, which, together with the fact that we are not now in the humming basilica, means that sound and texture are much cleaner.

Curiously the tempos are pretty much the same, since Gardiner's Monteverdi Choir are well used to moving at a dancing sprint. The choice is rather between the atmosphere and excitement of the Gardiner recording and the candour of the Pickett. Both include some splendid solo performances: from Mark Tucker, Nigel Robson and Michael Chance in Venice; from Catherine Bott, Tessa Bonner and John Mark Ainsley in Hampstead.

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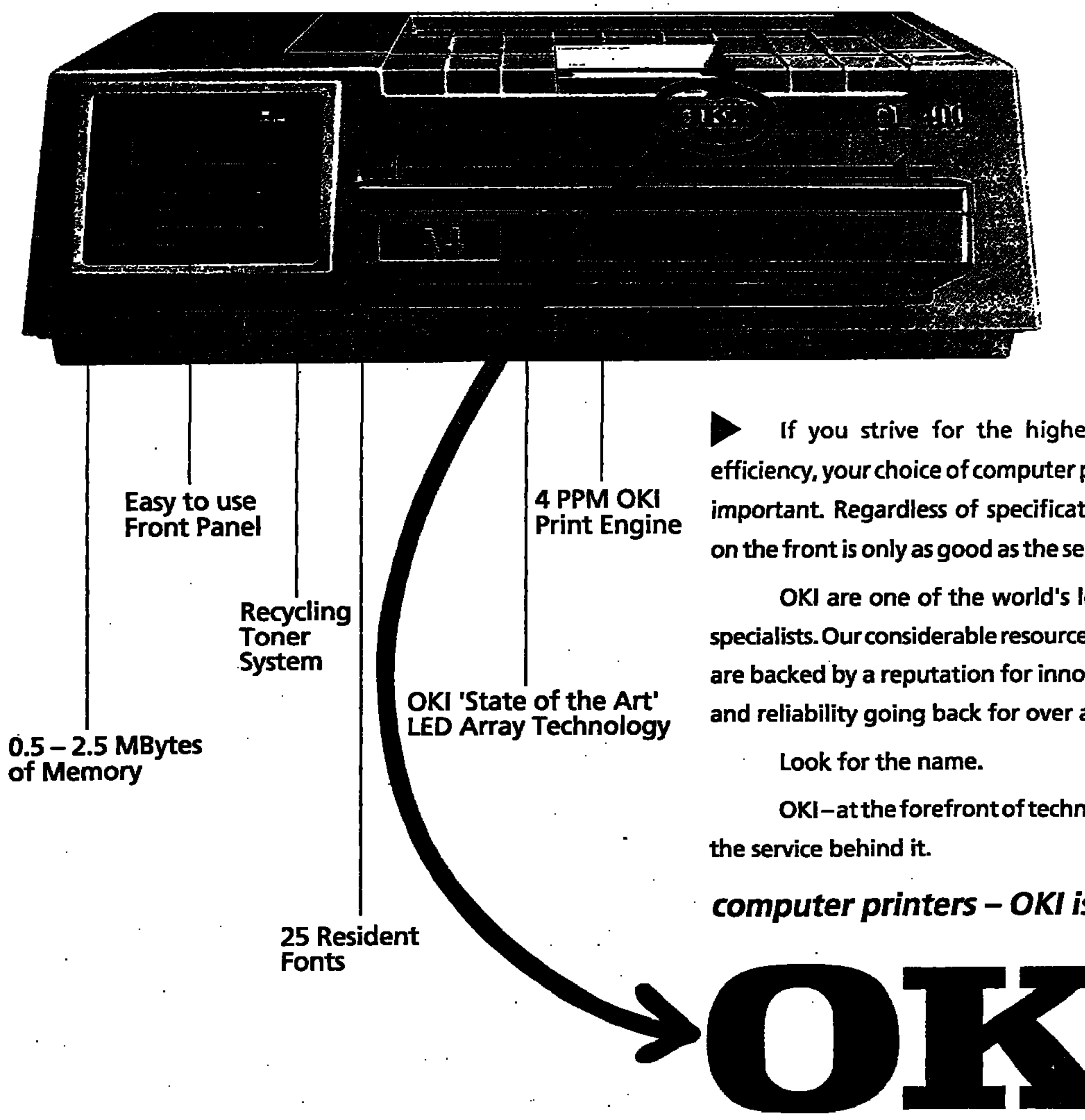

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Grandma fights the shadows

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Broadway shows New York

IN GENE Saks' triumphant production of Neil Simon's Lost in Yonkers (Richard Rodgers Theatre), Irene Worth plays to restrained perfection a crippled Jewish woman who can "swing her cane so fast she could've been one of the world's greatest golfers". She is Grandma Kurnitz, a 1942 matriarch who would today be judged guilty of severe psychological, and occasional physical, child abuse. Wearing a padded body suit and grey wig, Worth presides, like Buddha in a housedress, over Santo Loquasto's eloquent set of a shabbily genteel apartment.

The three generations who gather at Grandma Kurnitz's form a plaintive hymn to humanity's ability to survive such diverse deprivations as emotional starvation, mental and physical handicaps, untimely family deaths, and losses of homeland and of home. Among the characters are two teenaged boys who must live temporarily at Grandma's; their petty crook Uncle Louie, who visits when on the run; and their permanently resident Aunt Bella, an impassioned 35-year-old with a brain imprisoned at puberty.

The work is marred by such structural awkwardnesses as too much of the boys and too little of Grandma in Act I. But it is Simon's boldest plunge beyond the shadows that have moved across most of his comedies: both funny and sad. The cast is wonderful, particularly Mercedes Ruehl's endearingly gawky Bella and Kevin Spacey's cocksure Louie; and the few seconds when Irene Worth shows how Grandma stifles her emotions form the most indelible image on Broadway in years.

Simon's 27th play appeared within a fortnight of two Alan Ayckbourn comedies from the 1970s, receiving their New York premieres. Alan Strachan's production of Taking Steps at Broadway's Circle in the Square and Lynne Meadow's of Absent Friends at off-Broadway's Manhattan Theatre Club suffer from uneven casts. While some of the performances might be at home in the best of British productions, neither cast achieves an ensemble style and neither production is likely to win Ayckbourn his long overdue Broadway success.

The Simon and Ayckbourn works opened to mixed reviews, as did two other new plays. The first, La Bête (at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre), in fact closed just weeks after opening. It had marked the Broadway debuts of director Richard Jones and designer Richard Hudson. David Hirson's neo-Molière comedy is set in 17th-century France, in a blinding white drawing-room that designer Hudson wittily tilts backwards. The patron, Prince Conti, commands that Elomire (an anagram of Molière) welcome into his resident company Valere, a frivolous, fatuous street performer. In rhymed couplets, and through such bravura foolishness as a 25-minute monologue by Valere, the destinies of the characters, as well as symbolic encounters between Art and Commerce, Content and Style, Entertainment and Enlightenment are played out.

Jones's production had a sense of mischievous fun similar to his recent staging of *The Love for Three Oranges* for English National Opera. *La Bête* was the most audacious play to brave Broadway since *M. Butterfly* but, lacking the sexual titillation factor of David Henry Hwang's play, Hirson's work never drew the curious tourist.

Sixty years after its intended New York premiere, a second new play, Male Bone, is being presented by the Lincoln Center Theater (at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre). A collaboration by two stars of the Harlem Renaissance, author Zora Neale Hurston and poet Langston Hughes, the show was stillborn in 1930. The play is set in a Florida town where two young men quarrel over a girl and one hits his rival with a mule bone. The townspeople hang around the local store gossiping and take sides at the trial in the local church. The production, with music by Taj Mahal, is livelier than the sleepy material.

HOLLY HILL

MARTHA SWOPE

Trapped and crippled: Mercedes Ruehl as Bella and Irene Worth as Grandma Kurnitz in Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers*

CONCERT

ECO/Pinnock Barbican

THIS week, according to the English Chamber Orchestra's Mozart calendar, is 1778, the year of the death of Rousseau, of Voltaire, and of Mozart's mother in Paris. Because it was Paris, and they liked that sort of thing there, it is also the year and the week of the Sinfonie Concertante: tomorrow comes the violin and viola work, inspired by Parisian taste and written a year later, and on Sunday the programme offered the K297b for oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn.

An elegant virtuosity, a graciousness which would be reliably *petillant*, these were the expectations of the genre; and, for the earlier wind work at least, Mozart obliged. So did Gordon Hunt, Thea King, Robin O'Neill and Frank Lloyd whose lips were kept tingling and whose fingers were set pirouetting by the brisk tempi set by Trevor Pinnock's baton. His Adagio was, not surprisingly, a true Mozartian Andante, a lightly suspended song of a movement, each voice reticent in the low, even, dynamic level of its entry.

Despite the mud flung up from both the Parisian pavements and the churlish aristocracy, Gallic taste had to be pandered to yet again in the Concerto for Flute and Harp. Pinnock, William Bennett and Marisa Robles gave it, almost mischievously, the sharp edge of their tongue, each cadenza dispatched with fiery brilliance, and any tempting bulge in the central Andantino smoothed out in order to maximise momentum from its melody.

The two concertos were framed by two symphonies. The first was the tiny, Mannheim-born K213c, little more than an extended, three-part crescendo with harpsichord continuo and a moment's aria thrown in for good measure: the second the "Paris" Symphony itself. "Whether it will please, I do not know! And to tell the truth, I care very little." Thus Mozart; but Pinnock and his players clearly cared rather more, and although the opening Frenchified flourish was nicely underplayed, every second which followed was bright with taut, highly coloured articulation.

HILARY FINCH

CONCERT

NLO/Corp St John's, Smith Square

FOR its statutory bicentennial homage to Mozart on Saturday, the New London Orchestra opted for a strikingly original programme, with not a single piece that had come unadulterated from the master's pen. Instead, under the personable and disciplined conducting of Ronald Corp, it gave, with considerable refinement, five works composed in his honour that, without exception, fell way short of his achievements. Perhaps the work to come closest was Tchaikovsky's *Mozartiana*, no doubt because it uses notes actually written by Mozart.

Even so, the orchestration transforms Mozart's idiom into something that belongs definitely to the late 19th century. Though the piece contains none of the fevered passions of the Fourth Symphony, composed shortly before, Tchaikovsky's precise instinct for colour survives. If the ear can no longer clearly hear the original images, the new ones, warm and brilliant, are pleasing enough.

Despite the baldly announced model, Chopin's Variations on "Là ci darem la mano" have even less to do with Mozart. Rather, they represent the work of a brilliant adolescent intent on making a public impression. In this performance the young pianist, Julian Dyson, coped manfully with the work's formidable technical demands.

Besides Villa Lobos's richly scored, romantic but hardly arresting Sinfonietta No 1 (1916), dedicated to Mozart's memory, there was also a pair of festive overtures to begin each half. Ibert's *Hommage à Mozart*, composed in 1957, occupied the position of effervescent curtain raiser and seemed to have little to do either with the 18th century or with Mozart himself; Frank Martin's *Ouverture en hommage à Mozart*, written the year before, seemed a touch more serious in intent. Wisely, neither composer attempted pastiche. The risk, had they done so, was amply illustrated by the encore, the Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*, which brought a sudden, dazzling ray of sunshine to what had been an intriguing evening, but no more.

STEPHEN PETTITT

OPERA

Samson et Dalila Covent Garden

THE return of José Carreras to the Royal Opera last month in Saint-Saëns's *Samson et Dalila* was one of the most keenly awaited events of the season, and expectations were not disappointed. Spare a thought, then, for the tenor and mezzo who have had to take over the run from Carreras and Agnes Baltsa. Inevitably they stand in the shadow of those two stars, for whom, as is generally known, the show was re-mounted.

The new Samson is the American tenor Michael Sylvester, making his debut at the Royal Opera, and his shaggy looks are tamed by the British mezzo Claire Powell, a more familiar figure whose sultry good looks boded well for the role of the stereotyped temptress, Dalila. Sylvester has a most attractive voice and commendable musical instincts. What he does not have is either the weight of tone to sustain this heavy role and project it to the back of the auditorium or the *gravitas* to hold the stage as a charismatic heroic leader of an oppressed people. He is most successful vocally where Carreras was least convincing: the third-act scene of abasement at the mill. But even here, one had little sense of the mighty hero fallen.

Nor, sadly, was Claire Powell's promise ever realised. She looked wary and uncomfortable in the role, instead of confidently cunning, and her vocal line lacked the sensual allure that is essential to it. She was not, admittedly, helped by Jacques Delacôte's insensitive conducting; his inability to evoke the score's voluptuousness made a mockery of an excellent programme essay on the ambivalent role of orientalism in the work. The orchestra was well below its best; the chorus performed to its habitual standard, which is nothing to be proud of.

Jonathan Summers made a characteristically forceful, if somewhat rough-edged, impression with his High Priest of Dagon, while Roderick Earle and Mark Beesley repeated their admired performances as Abimelech and the Ancient Hebrew.

The celebrated Bacchanale, a splendidly staged wild orgy, provides the one breath-catching scene in this production. Ambivalent the orientalism may be, but there is little doubt of the undertone of sensuality in *Samson et Dalila*. The sensual fires will have to be stoked with a good deal more diligence if they are to blaze with any conviction.

BARRY MILLINGTON

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

BERLIN JERUSALEM: Amos Gitai's stylised exploration of the Zionist dream; clever on paper, less rewarding on the screen.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

FEAR (18): Demure Ally Sheedy as the lady in peril — a psychic with a gift for seeing brutal murders. Fair psychological chiller from writer-director Rockne O'Bannon.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga; handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636).
Empire (071-497 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CURRENT

AVALON (U): Engaging personal saga about immigrant experience and post-war breakup of family life, by *Rain Man* director Barry Levinson. Fine performances by Armin Mueller-Stahl, Joan Plowright.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ BUDDY'S SONG (12): Roger Daltrey as an ageing pop musician whose tedious marital problems are resolved through the musical talents of his son. Director, Claude Whatham.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

C'EST LA VIE (12): Evocative autobiographical recollection by French director Diane Kurys: a childhood seaside holiday soured by marital breakup.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Premiere (071-439 4470).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Oscar nominee Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Lumière (071-836 0691) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Nominated for 12 Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

DECEMBER BRIDE (PG): Irish tale of a strong-willed servant girl; bogged down by dour atmosphere, but enlivened by Saskia Reeves. Director, Thaddeus O'Sullivan.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE GRIFTERS (18): Stephen Frears' disjointed version of Jim Thompson's con-artist thriller. John Cusack, Anjelica Huston, Annette Bening, stranded in a glossy limbo.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeon Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ KINDERGARTEN COP (12): Uptight cop (Arnold Schwarzenegger) becomes kindergarten teacher. Bland, cute comedy, awkwardly mixed with violent shoot-outs.
Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

MEET THE APPLEGATES (15): Insects in human form succumb to American vices. Lunatic satirical comedy from *Heathers* director Michael Lehmann. Ed Begley Jr, Stockard Channing.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

METROPOLITAN (15): Whit Stillman's wickedly ironic comedy of manners set among New York's debutantes and preppies. Witty dialogue, elegant direction. With Edward Clements, Carolyn Farina.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

MILLER'S CROSSING (18): Prohibition gang warfare from the brothers Coen: brooding, labyrinthine, over-laden with words and smart artifice. Gabriel Byrne, Albert Finney.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Gate (071-727 4043).

MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American menage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THE NASTY GIRL (PG): Provocative, funny assault on Germany's Nazi past, with Lena Stolze as the girl uncovering her home town's shady history.
Minema (071-235 4225) Premiere (071-439 4470) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous, implausible thriller; director, John Schlesinger.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few tears, from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress; Shirley MacLaine as her mother. Director, Mike Nichols.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096)
Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5)
Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE RUSSIA HOUSE (12): Serpentine spy games with Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer. Muted thriller from John Le Carré's novel; director, Fred Schepisi.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772)
Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999)
Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowles) filmed with a warming visual sweep by Bernardo Bertolucci. With John Malkovich and Debra Winger.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

TILAI (PG): Formidably beautiful African tale of love versus village traditions from Idrissa Ouedraogo, director of Yaaba.
Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR: Ayckbourn's sublimely dark farce, set on three Christmas Eves. Last week.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm.

☐ CHILDREN OF EDEN: Genial musical jinks round Genesis, supplied by John Caird and Stephen Schwartz.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins.

☐ THE CORN IS GREEN: Patricia Routledge in revival of Emlyn Williams's first-staged success, now long past its sell-by date.
Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). British Rail: Greenwich. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins. Last week.

▨ CROMWELL: Imaginative staging of Brendan Kennelly's poem sequence on Anglo-Irish violence: 80 minutes of dense, vivid imagery. Last week.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 15mins.

☐ DECEPTIONS: Revenge drama concerning a psychiatrist (Anna Carteret) and her young client. Fairly thin stuff.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. Running time: 2hrs. Last week.

■ FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous jazzy revue packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins.

☐ 42ND STREET: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 20.

☐ HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Emotional hangups, marital breakup and Peter Barkworth in Simon Gray's patchy drama.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes March 23.

▨ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ MAP OF THE HEART: Here be clichés. Tedious love-triangle blues by *Shadowlands* author William Nicholson.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinden puffs, Michael Williams panics, in latest Ray Cooney farce: over-plotted, under-developed. Last week.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Holborn. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ PURGATORY IN INGOLSTADT: Violence and cruelty among school children in pre-Hitler Germany: superb production of Marieluise Fleisser's prescient 1924 play.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Underground: Notting Hill Gate. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. In repertory with *Pioneers in Ingolstadt*.

▨ THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouilh's seduction play.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ THE RISING OF THE MOON: Excellently-acted first play by James Doherty: survivors of a Glasgow-Irish childhood fight over their past.
Old Red Lion, 418 St John Street, EC1 (071-837 7816). Underground: Angel. Tues-Sun 8pm. Running time 2hrs 5mins. Closes March 23.

☐ THE ROUND TABLE: Christoph Hein's dour Arthurian parable of East German malaise in the late Eighties.
Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Last week.

■ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

▨ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn that solves Shakespeare's blank spots.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Closes April 20.

▨ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and melancholy. Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Rintoul.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

▨ THE VISIT: Théâtre de Complicité triumph in Dürrenmatt's black comedy of revenge and corruption.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

☐ THE WINTER WIFE: Eloquent, absorbing glimpse of Katherine Mansfield, convalescing on the Riviera in 1922, tormenting the woman who loves her.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes Saturday.

LONG RUNNERS: ▨ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ▨ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ▨ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) . . . ☐ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM: Simon Rattle's ten-year plan to celebrate the music of each decade of this century — one decade a year — is launched tonight with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra performing a programme that displays the vast stylistic diversities of the 1900-1910 period: Sibelius's *Night Ride and Sunrise*, Schoenberg's *Erwartung* and Stravinsky's *Firebird*. (The concert will be repeated tomorrow at Cambridge's Corn Exchange, and on Saturday at the Festival Hall.)
Birmingham Town Hall, Victoria Square (021-236 3889), 7.30pm.

SWAN LAKE: Japanese-born ballerina Yurie Shinohara, who makes her Britain debut with Scottish Ballet in Peter Darrell's revival of the Tchaikovsky classic, dances the dual role of Odile/Odette tonight, partnered by Vincent Hantam as Prince Siegfried.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000), 7.15pm.

TARA ARTS GROUP: Jatinder Verma's successful all-Asian theatre company presents its last show at its London base, which is due to close soon because of a cut in the company's government funding. Sophocles's *Oedipus the King* is retold drawing on the traditions of classical Indian and Greek styles. After its London showing the company will be touring the production nationwide.
Tara Arts Centre, Garratt Lane, London SW18 (081-871 1458), 7.30pm.

INVISIBLE FRIENDS: Prior to tonight's performance in the Cottesloe Theatre, Alan Ayckbourn holds a platform discussion about his latest play.
Lyttelton Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 6pm.

LIVES OF THE GREAT POISONERS: This may be the last chance to see Second Stride, as its Arts Council grant has been discontinued. The piece is a collaboration between choreographer Ian Spink, dramatist Caryl Churchill, composer Orlando Gough and designer Anthony McDonald. Subject matter ranges from Medea to the inventor of leaded petrol: a starkly modern melodrama is promised.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354), 7.30pm.

TURN OF THE SCREW: Michael Lloyd conducts the final English National Opera performance of Jonathan Miller's production of Britten's opera. Eilene Hannan returns as the Governess — a role she originally created in this production.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

LA FANCIULLA DEL WEST: Petrika Ionesco's simply-staged production of Puccini's Wild West show for Welsh National Opera. Spirited performances by Suzanne Murphy as Minnie, Dennis O'Neill as Dick Johnson and Donald Maxwell as Jack Rance. *La traviata* (with Frances Ginzer) and *Carmen* (with Jean Stilwell) are also in the company's touring repertoire.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), 7.30pm.

DANCE THEATRE OF MOTIONHOUSE: One of few young dance companies to have attracted good sponsorship this year, the group has been touring extensively with its latest work, *The House of Bones* — which dramatises the tragedy of Aids. Now the tour reaches London, as part of the Spring Loaded festival.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

GAJES
(a) Spanish, pronounced GAH-hays, literally wages, but in general it means anything that you give and receive, outside the formal job description, as part of your work, from the key to the executive loo, to being last to leave.

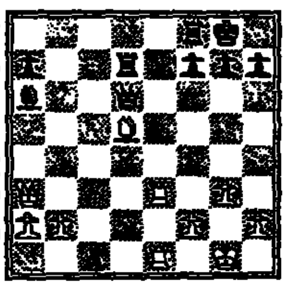
PRIMERO
(c) A gambling card game, very fashionable from about 1530 to 1640, in which four cards were dealt to each player, each card having thrice its normal value, from the Spanish *primera* first: "Primero was probably introduced to the English Court in the suite of Catherine of Arragon."

MASSYMORE
(a) A subterranean prison, as in Fidelio, from the Spanish *mazmorra*: "One of the ancient lairds had imprisoned in the massymore, or dungeon of the castle, a person named Porteous."

SCATURIENT
(c) Gushing out, from the Latin *scaturire*: "He wielded a pen so scaturient and unretentive that he himself must have been often astonished at the extent of his lucubrations."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Lombardy — Kramer, US Championship 1958. In this innocuous-looking position, White found a brilliant way to force a win of material. Can you see it? Solution tomorrow.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 ... Rxc2! 2 Qxc2 (2 Rxc2 Qb1+) 2 ... Qxc1+ mating.

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6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News

9.15 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts a topical discussion with a studio audience 9.55 Regional news and weather

0.00 News and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.25 Stoppit and Tidyup (r) 10.35 She's The Sheriff. American comedy (r)

1.00 News and weather 11.05 People Today. Includes *Health UK*, which looks at tomorrow's national no-smoking day

2.00 News, and weather 12.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club: Keep-fit series 12.20 Scene Today. Judi Spiers and Tim Grundy with live entertainment from Pebble Mill 12.55 Regional news and *weather*

1.00 *One O'Clock News* and weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)

1.50 Cheltenham Festival Racing. Live coverage of the 2.25, 2.50 and 3.30 races. The 4.05 race is on BBC2

3.50 Bitsa. Caitlin Easterby and Simon Pascoe make models from household junk 4.05 New Yogi Bear Show (r) 4.15 Jackanory. Kevin Whateley reads part two of Anne Fine's *Bill's New Frock* 4.25 Quick Draw McGraw. Cartoon 4.35 The Really Wild Roadshow. Terry Nutkins and Chris Packham visit the deer, rhino and giraffes at Longleat Safari Park while Brian Crewe covers himself with slugs. (Ceefax)

5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 19 of the 20-part children's drama set in a comprehensive school (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Holiday 91. Anne Gregg and Eamonn Holmes report on a home exchange between a family from Aldershot and one from Ventura, California. Kathy Tayler has details of skiing holidays, plus fly-drive holidays to Budapest and a look at Hungarian hospitality. (Ceefax)

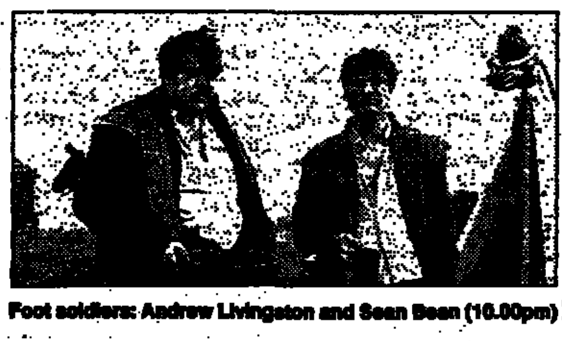
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)

8.00 Dad's Army. Classic comedy with the home front soldiers. Culture clash hits the wrinkly comrades-in-arms as they welcome the first *contingent of American troops arriving in Walmington-on-Sea (r).* (Ceefax)

8.30 A Question of Sport. This week team captains Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Denis Law, John Francome, Kathy Cook and Mike Burton. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

9.30 Open All Hours. Cornershop comedy starring Ronnie Barker as a miserly northern grocer and David Jason as his hapless assistant (r). Northern Ireland: 1992 — the European Challenge; Wales: Week In Week Out



Foot soldiers: Andrew Livingston and Sean Bean (10.00pm)

0.00 My Kingdom for a Horse.

● CHOICE: Here is the tale of a nice guy who always finishes last. Steve (Sean Bean) is 31 and has never grown up. He still lives with mum and dad (Sheila Hancock and Bryan Pringle), collects toy soldiers and spends his weekends refighting the battles of the English civil war. In his job as a schoolteacher he is taunted by the boys and sees a younger colleague promoted over his head. A funny, sad and gentle drama from John Godber of the Hull Truck Theatre Company offers Steve a chance to get out of his rut through a tentative romance with the careers teacher (Jane Clifford). But can he turn his back on mum's huge cooked breakfasts? Can he risk losing the fat dustman friend from the war games (Andrew Livingston), another of life's perpetual foot soldiers? The plot may hold few surprises but Godber's writing is fresh and perceptive and there is a clutch of nicely judged performances. Wales: Open All Hours 10.30 My Kingdom for a Horse

1.10 Film 91 with Barry Norman. Includes a review of *Awakenings*, starring Robert De Niro as a patient in a 30-year coma given a brief *taste of life by doctor Robin Williams. Plus a location report from American Friends*, a film by Michael Palin, based on the diaries of his great grandfather, an Oxford don. Northern Ireland (to 12.10am): Sessions from the 70s

11.40 Cheltenham Festival. Highlights of today's races

11.55 Weather. Northern Ireland: 12.10am Film 91 12.40-12.55 Cheltenham Festival highlights; Wales: Film 91-12.25 News and weather

BBC 2

7.10 Open University: Women and Sport. Ends at 7.35

8.00 News

8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from the Lords and Commons

9.00 Daytime on Two: Inset 9.30 GCSE German 9.45 Let's See 10.00 For the very young 10.15 Learning to read 10.40 Who — Me? 11.00 Watch 11.15 Update Europe 11.35 Science Challenge 11.55 Into Music 12.15 Inset 12.35 French language 12.55 Effective communication 1.20 Mr Benn 1.40 Outlook

2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 Canvas. *Michael Canney explores the folk art collection in the American* Museum in Bath (r) 2.35 Sign Extra. Special edition of the consumer magazine *Watchdog* presented in sign language (r)

3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.45 News, regional news and weather

3.55 Cheltenham Festival Racing continued from BBC1. The 4.05 race introduced by Julian Wilson

4.20 Holiday Outings. Kathy Tayler savours the exotic beaches of Petit St Vincent and Martinique (r)

4.30 Fighting Talk. Education pundit Professor Ted Wragg talks to Sheena McDonald about his view of Kenneth Baker's education legacy and why he believes teachers deserve a better deal

5.00 News headlines followed by Advice Shop. Groups from South Wales and Belfast share the secrets of their campaigning success

5.30 Gardeners' World. A look at a new way to propagate wild bulbs, the care and repair of trees ravaged by the winter and the pick of the bunch from a chrysanthemum specialist (r)

6.00 Film: Lover Come Back (1961). Rock Hudson and Doris Day star as two ruthless advertising executives in this wicked satire on the advertising industry, dressed up as a battle of the sexes. When New York ad-woman Carol Templeton discovers her arch-rival has landed a top client, she resolves to seize the account for herself, not knowing that it has been fabricated to fool her. Hudson and Day are a joy to behold and the film is a masterpiece of wit, every *bit as enjoyable as Pillow Talk. Also starring Tony Randall and Edie* Adams and directed with panache by Delbert Mann

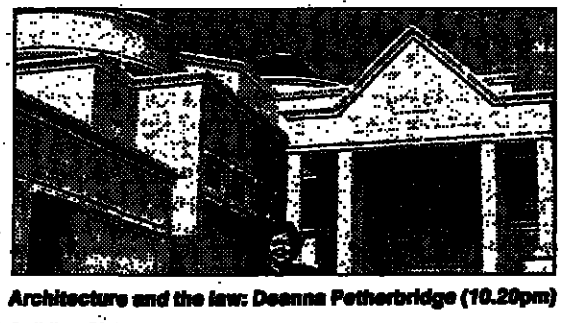
7.45 Assignment: Uncle Sam's Last Stand. In the Gulf war, the United States proved it still has the technology, resources and the will to lead the free world, exorcising the ghost of Vietnam. President Bush has directly linked success in the war with success in dealing with his country's massive domestic problems. However, critics, like best-selling author Professor Paul Kennedy, insist fundamental weaknesses remain. Julian Pettifer reports from California on America's prospects of staying champion nation and asks if this is even desirable

8.30 Nature: The Fourth Hurdle introduced by Michael Buerk. Genetic engineering — which enables scientists to create new life-forms, new food sources and medicines — is potentially of crucial importance to Europe. But as John Howard reports, new organisms can cause unexpected problems. (Ceefax)

9.00 Twin Peaks. David Lynch's cult soap noir continues. Leland Palmer may be dead and laid to rest, but what of his murderous alter-ego, Bob? (Ceefax)

9.50 Taking Liberties: Another Day, Another Death.

● CHOICE: The punchy series about life's injustices looks at deaths at the workplace. Despite safety legislation, there are many of them (more than 600 last year) and the companies involved usually escape with tiny fines. To the grief and loss suffered by the victims' families is added a feeling of bitterness that the culprits have gone unpunished. The film focuses on four cases which forcefully express the human cost while pointing out the frustrations of seeking legal redress. The charge is made that the law protects industry better than those who work for it. But a charge of manslaughter was successfully brought in one case, involving a man killed at a plastics company. Since the Health and Safety Executive, which monitors the legislation, is portrayed as weak and ineffective it might have been given the chance to reply



Architecture and the law: Deanna Petherbridge (10.20pm)

10.20 Building Sights. Continuing the series on notable new buildings, artist Deanna Petherbridge enthuses about Truro's remarkable new courthouse, which combines rationality, beauty and humanity

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman

11.15 The Late Show: Arts and *media magazine*

11.55 Weather

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Lucky Ladders. Game show hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion on chocaholics

10.40 This Morning. Family magazine programme hosted by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnegan

12.05 Rod, Jane and Freddy. The former-*Rainbow* gang take household pets as their subject for songs and stories 12.25 Thames News and weather

12.30 *ITN News with John Suchet. Weather*

1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian medical saga set aroud a rural medical centre

2.20 Take The High Road. Scottish soap set in the Highlands 2.50 Jumble. The first of a new quiz series hosted by Jeff Stevenson

3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families

3.55 The Wombles (Oracle) 4.05 The Return of Dogtanian 4.30 All Change. Last in the children's comedy series starring Frankie Howerd and Peggie Mount

5.00 Blockbusters presented by Bob Holness

5.30 ITN News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Find a Family. The week-long campaign to find families for children in care continues with siblings Terry and Juliet

6.00 Home and Away (r)

6.30 Thames News and weather

7.00 Emmerdale. Bucolic saga set in the Yorkshire dales. (Oracle)

7.30 Thames Reports: The Trouble With Stansted. In the week the Queen opens the new terminal at Stansted reporter Roger Beam highlights problems that have little to do with the current recession and the fact that few big airlines intend to operate out of Stansted

8.00 The Bill: Photo-Finish. More action involving the hard-pressed officers of Sun Hill police station, this week mounting a drugs operation surrounding a seedy pub. (Oracle)

8.30 Fiddlers Three. Peter Davison and Paula Wilcox star in the sitcom *set in the management accounts office of a large company* (Oracle)

Comedy of manners: Sally Field and Michael Caine (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Surrender (1987). Michael Caine stars as a womanising author with a history of shelling out when his amorous exploits hit the rocks. After being stung for the last time he rejects such financially dangerous liaisons, and resolves to assume a life of celibacy. His vow is short-lived, however, when, during a robbery, he is tied naked to a starving, but very attractive artist (Sally Field). Caine is joined by a star-studded cast for this comedy of manners, including Steve Guttenberg and Jackie Cooper, but the film never quite takes off. Caine's charm fails him and there is a distinct lack of energy in Jerry Belson's direction. Continues after the news.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather

10.40 Film: Surrender continued

11.30 Boxing Special: The George Wimpey London ABA Finals. Amateur fights with commentary from Jim Rosenthal and Barry McGuigan, from the York Hall in Bethnal Green.

12.30am This Week — 35 Years on the Front Line: The Unknown Famine. Jonathan Dimbleby discusses the effect of the first of the harrowing famine reports from Ethiopia on a shocked television audience (r)

1.00 Video View. Mariella Frostrup reviews the week's video releases including *Another 48 Hours, Spaced Invaders* and *Nikita*

1.30 How Was It For You? Henry Kelly discusses race relations with Ned Sherrin, Jill Tweedie and Yasmin Alibhai

2.00 Film: Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed (1969). Peter Cushing is Dr Frankenstein in one of the grisly Hammer versions of Mary Shelley's novel. In this gory outing, Frankenstein transplants the brain of one of his colleagues into the body of another. The resulting creature naturally wreaks havoc on his inevitable murdering spree, but alas has none of the charming erudition of Shelley's monster. Moments of contrived pathos add to the nastiness of this addition to the genre. Directed by Terence Fisher

4.00 Entertainment UK. A review of the best of the week's films, theatre, music and dance from across the country

5.00 Coming of Age. Comedy series starring Paul Dooley and Phyllis Newman (r).

5.30 ITN Morning News with Richard Beth. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Relaxing scenes set to soothing music

6.20 Business Daily 6.30 Channel 4 Daily

9.25 Schools

12.00 News summary followed by The Parliament Programme

12.30 Business Daily with Susannah Simons

1.00 Sesame Street. Educational entertainment for pre-school children

2.00 Film: The Passionate Friends (1948, b/w) Ann Todd, Trevor Howard and Claude Rains star in this romantic melodrama based on the novel by H.G. Wells. Two former lovers meet by chance in Switzerland five years after the woman married an older man for *security. The husband believes they are again lovers and demands* a divorce. Sterling performances from the principals and sure-footed direction by David Lean make for compelling viewing

3.45 Third Wave Andrée Melly and a studio audience discuss the role of the elderly in the community

4.30 Countdown

5.00 Boom! Channel 4's answer to *Blue Peter*

5.30 Same Difference. The magazine programme for disabled people goes to Denmark where a fortnightly video is mailed free to deaf people. Could this lead to less subtitling on television?

6.00 Duet. Romantic comedy series

6.30 Remote Control. Comedy quiz show

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext)

7.50 Comment followed by weather

8.00 The Black Bag: Ma'am Comes To Town.

● CHOICE: Television journalism, like any journalism, thrives on conflict and the makers of this film about a group of American primary school teachers being drafted into an under-staffed east London borough might have wished for a tiff or two. On paper, the assignment was not an easy one. More than any other area of London, Tower Hamlets is the home of first stage immigrants and its children speak no fewer than 140 languages. But once they got the hang of things, the young Americans decided that children were children wherever they came from and encountered few *difficulties. One says that the Tower Hamlets kids are not remotely* frightening compared with the knife-brandishing thugs in New York and she saw no sign of racism. All of which is most encouraging, except that it makes for a rather bland programme

8.30 Nature Watch: The Peregrine Falcon. How the threatened peregrine falcon has staged an impressive recovery (r)

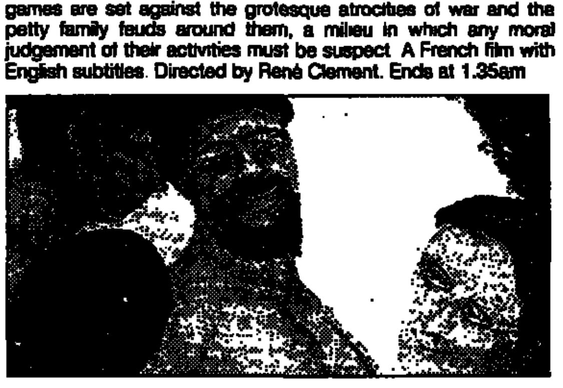
9.00 Without Walls: A Coney Island Of The Mind. A documentary about the Irish musician Van Morrison

9.30 Without Walls: Lost Lawrence.

● CHOICE: In 1929 the police raided a London art gallery and took away 13 paintings by D.H. Lawrence. They were declared in the magistrates court to be base, hideous, coarse and obscene and Lawrence was forced to take them abroad to prevent their destruction. They ended up at Taos in New Mexico, where Lawrence briefly lived and where his widow settled after his death. This engaging little film traces the paintings to the Hotel La Fonda, where they share the walls of a back room with photographs of boxers and film stars. The owner wants to sell them. Will Britain allow them back? The film restages the 1929 exhibition, using photographs, and invites critics such as George Melly to give their verdict. No one thinks the paintings obscene, but no one thinks they are much good, either

10.00 Film: The Deadly Affair (1966). James Mason stars as a secret service agent who must vet Foreign Office official Robert Flemyng, *in the screen version of John Le Carre's Call For The Dead.* With Simone Signoret. A seminal spy-thriller of the Sixties, the film introduces unprecedented psychological elements and creates an ambiance of political and emotional treachery heightened by the moody, stylised photography of Freddie Young. Directed by Sidney Lumet

12.00 Film: Les Jeux Interdits (1952, b/w). During a second world war air-raid over Paris five-year-old Paulette sees her parents killed and she befriends 11-year-old Michel. The children cope with the tragedy of death by creating their own secret animal cemetery and honouring it with monuments to the human dead. Their macabre games are set against the grotesque atrocities of war and the petty family feuds around them, a milieu in which any moral judgement of their activities must be suspect. A French film with English subtitles. Directed by René Clement. Ends at 1.35am



Banned: an "obscene" painting by D.H. Lawrence (9.30pm)

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

e London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia ews 7.30-8.00 Food Guide 11.30 Prisoner: ell Block H 12.30 Almost Grown 1.25 The oncert 2.25 Comics, The Ninth Art 3.00 w Was It For You? 3.30 Entertainment UK 30 All Action Sport Specials 5.00-5.30 ve Lives

ORDER

s London except: 1.50pm Santa Barbara 20 Cover Story: Rita Coolidge 5.00-5.30 ome and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Sick Kids 1.30 Wolf 12.25 Superstars of Wrestling 25 The Lion 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Word of outh 4.40 Paula Abdul 4.50-5.30 Jobfinder

ENTRAL

s London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central ews 7.30-8.00 The Works 11.30 Central ports Special 12.30 Film: Shell Game 2.25 ools by my Bedside 2.55 The Invisible Man 30 Short Story Theatre 4.00 The Concert 00-5.30 Central Jobfinder

RAMPIAN

London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Home and way 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take the gh Road 7.30-8.00 Stamp of Greatness 1.30 Fantasy Stars 12.25 Superstars of restling 1.25 Film: The Lion 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Word of Mouth 4.40 Paula Abdul 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA

As London except: 2.50pm-3.15 Sons and Daughters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 House Style 11.30 Granada Soccer Night 12.25 Superstars of Wrestling 1.25 Film: The Lion 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Word of Mouth 4.40 Paula Abdul 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.00-5.30 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Chain Reaction 11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.25 Ski Tips 12.55 Donahue 1.50 Film: Now or Never 3.30 Marquee Anniversary 4.30 Word of Mouth 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Day Return

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Simply Delicious 4.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.00-5.30 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Ark on the Move 11.30 The Sweeney 12.25 Superstars of Wrestling 1.25 Film: The Lion 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Word of Mouth 4.40 Paula Abdul 5.00-5.30 Farming News

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Coast to Coast People 5.00-5.30 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 A Taste of the South 11.30 The TVS Match 12.20 Schimanski 2.05 Vivid 3.05 Kojak 4.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 4.30 Country Ways 4.45-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Farmhouse Kitchen 5.00-5.30 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.25-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Useful Guide 11.30 Soccer Special 12.25 Superstars of Wrestling 1.25 Film: The Lion 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Word of Mouth 4.40 Paula Abdul 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.00-5.30 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Head Start '91 11.35 Kojak 12.25 Superstars of Wrestling 1.25 Film: The Lion 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Word of Mouth 4.40 Pop Profile 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.300-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Taxi 11.30 Man 12.25 The Young Riders 1.20 Ski Tips 1.50 Sex Symbols 2.40 Profiles 3.00 Music Box 4.00 Word of Mouth 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Yagollon 12.05 Sbectol 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 The New Age 2.30 The Late Late Show 3.30 Land of Hope 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Gorau Gari 7.30 Graffiti 8.00 The Wonder Years 8.30 Newyddion 9.00 The Orchid House 10.00 The Golden Girls 10.30 Without Walls 11.30 Sameera 12.00 Film: Les Jeux Interdits 1.35 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 12.30pm Talkabout 1.00 News 1.35 *The Painter's World* 2.05 Perry Mason 3.00 *Live at Three* 4.00 News; Emmerdale 4.30 Knots Landing 5.20 Quacquao 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Head to Toe 8.00 Check Up 8.30 Simply Delicious Fish 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Arts Express 10.40 St Elsewhere 11.30 Racing from Cheltenham 11.55 News

NETWORK 2

Starts: 1.20pm Bosco 1.50 Racing from Cheltenham 4.20 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Glenroe 8.00 News; The Streets of San Francisco 9.00 As Seo Amach 9.30 News; Cop Rock 10.25 Nighthawks 11.05 News 11.25 Dail Report

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.50 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Football: The Zenith Data Systems Cup 9.30 The Hitchhiker 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sky Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Health Circuit 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 *Beyond 2000* 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Chu Chu and the Philly Flash (1981): Contrived comedy about two disparate characters who stumble upon a briefcase filled with stolen government papers
11.55 The Tall Men (1955): Clarke Gable, Cameron Mitchell, Robert Ryan and Jane Russell embark on a perilous cattle drive
2.00pm Shock Treatment (1981): A sequel of sorts to *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* in which the disintegrating marriage of Brad and Janet is broadcast live on television
4.00 The Count of Monte Christo: Animated story about the vengeful swordsman
6.00 Cyrano: An animated adaptation of Rostand's play about Cyrano de Bergerac and his unrequited love for Roxanne
6.00 The Lodger (1944): An intriguing thriller about a mysterious lodger at a turn-of-the-century boarding house, who may or may not be Jack the Ripper
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Major League (1989): Comedy following the fortunes of a misfit baseball team which hits an unexpected winning streak
10.00 Hunters Blood (1986): Thriller in which a group of deer hunters are stalked by a ruthless band of redneck poachers
11.40 Collision Course (1987): Two mismatched cops investigate a series of murders tied in with the Detroit car industry
1.20am Bert Rigby, You're a Fool (1989): Robert Lindsay in his big-screen début as a miner who dreams of becoming a Hollywood star
2.55 Blood Diner (1987): An isolated diner is *used* for the sacrificial murder of young virgins to summon up an ancient goddess
4.20 Hey Babe. A young girl (Susan Clarke) runs away from home to pursue her dream of being a dancer. Ends at 6.00

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 British Formula 3 Motor Racing 1990 8.30 Equestrianism 9.30 Motor Sport 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 Six-Team Handball Tournament 1.00pm Lahti Ski Games 2.00 Bobsleigh World Cup 2.30 World Figure Skating Championships 3.30 US College Basketball 4.30 Freestyle Skiing 5.00 Spanish Goals 5.30 IAAF World Indoor Athletics Championship 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Ski Flying 7.30 World Figure Skating *Championships* 9.30 WWF Wrestling 10.00 World Figure Skating Championships 12.00 Eurosport News 12.30am One Day International Cricket 1.30 British Touring Cars 1990 Season

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Motorsport Rallycross 8.00 Spain Spain Sport 8.15 Spanish Football 8.45 Ten Pin Bowling 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 11.00 NBA Basketball 1.00pm ATP Volvo Tennis Chicago Indoor Men 3.00 Pro Box 5.00 Stop-Rhythmic/ Artistic World Cup Gymnastics 6.00 US Pro Ski Tour 6.45 Ten Pin Bowling 8.00 Live Pro Box 10.00 Spanish Football 10.30 Hippodrome French Racing 11.00 World Snooker Classics

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 The Best of Europe 3.05 Remington Steele 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Mary 4.35 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
2.25pm The Flame of New Orleans (1941) Marlene Dietrich has to decide between marrying for love or money
3.50 The Movie Show
4.20 Cat City (1987). Cartoon about a feline conspiracy to rid the world of mice
6.00 In Love and War (1987): Drama about an American PoW in Vietnam (James Woods), whose wife (Jane Alexander) organised PoW wives back home
7.35 The Movie Show
8.00 Crocodile Dundee 2 (1988): Mick "Crocodile" Dundee (Paul Hogan) returns to outwit a ruthless international drugs ring
10.00 Extreme Prejudice (1987): Once childhood friends, a Texas ranger and a drugs baron declare war on each other
11.45 The Blue Lightning (1986): A San Francisco private eye travels to Australia to retrieve a precious jewel. Starring Sam Elliott
1.25am Rikki and Pete (1988): A misfit brother and sister flee to a remote mining village. Starring Stephen Kearney and Nina Landis. Ends at 3.05

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite
1.30pm Racing Today 2.00 FA Cup Football 4.00 Scottish Football Magazine 5.00 Motorsport Extra 6.00 American Sports Calvacade 7.00 Supercross 8.00 Italian Football 10.00 NWA Wrestling 11.00 Racing Today 11.30 Italian Football

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
7.00am Twenty-one hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News

.00 *Morning Concert:* Janáček (In the Mists); Dvořák (Cypresses Nos 2, 5, 9 and 11) 7.30 News

.35 Morning Concert (cont): Handel (Concerto grosso in F, Op 6 No 9); Bruch (Pieces, Op 83: Nos 1 in A minor, 2 in B minor, 8 in E flat minor); Brahms (Serenade No 2 in A, Op 16) 8.30 News

.35 Composers of the Week: J.S. Bach (Cantata No 41, Jesu nun sei gepreiset; Chorale Preludes, BWV 613-5, Helf mir Gottes Güte preisen; Das alte Jahr vergangen ist; In dir ist Freude, Orgelbüchlein; Concerto in C for two harpsichords and strings)

.35 Select Company: Beethoven (Octet in E flat, Op 102: Bamberg Symphonic Wind Ensemble); Haydn (Piano Sonata in C, H XVI 48: Alfred Brendel, piano); Weber (Trio in G minor for flute, cello, piano: Nash Ensemble Members); *Schubert* (*The Shepherd on the Rock*: Margaret Price, soprano, Hans Schöneberger, clarinet, Wolfgang Sawallisch, piano); Spohr (Double Quartet No 2 in E flat, Op 77: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields)

1.20 Britten and Shostakovich: City of London Sinfonia; Westminster Singers under Richard Hickox perform Britten (Suite, A Time There Was, Op 90); Shostakovich (Two Russian Folksongs, Op 104; Cello Concerto No 1, Op 107: Robert Cohen); Shostakovich (Five Fragments for small orchestra); Britten (Cantata misericordium, Op 69), incl 12.20pm Interval Reading (r)

1.00 News

1.05 St David's Hall Recital: London Fortepiano Trio performs Mozart (Trio in G, K 496; Fantasy for piano solo, K 396; *Little Gigue for piano solo*, K 574; Trio in E, K 542)

2.00 Music Weekly (r)

2.45 Don Quixote of the Cello: The life and career of Paul Tortelier. Bach (Suite No 2 in D minor, BWV 1008); Honegger (Cello Concerto: FNRO), Lyndon Jenkins talks to Julian Lloyd Webber; Hindemith (Cello Concerto: Czech PO)

.15 A Musical Monument: Quintetto Vocale Italiano; Columbia SO perform Stravinsky's Monumentum pro Gesualdo, preceded by the Gesualdo madrigals, on which it is based

4.35 New Music for Brass: The first of three programmes of brass band music from the past decade. David Blake (Mill Music — first broadcast: Britannia Building Society Band); Robert Simpson (The Four Temperaments: IMI Yorkshire Imperial Band); David Bedford (Toccata for Tristan: Britannia Building Society Band)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear

7.30 Frédéric Lamond: The pianist plays Schubert, arr Liszt (Der Erlkönig); Liszt (Concert Study No 3, Un sospiro; Gnomenreigen)

7.45 BBC SO: Sixtieth Anniversary Season. Live from the Barbican Hall, London, Mark Wigglesworth conducts Wagner (Parsifal, Prelude to Act One); Howard Skempton (Lento — first performance). 8.15 Memories of Mahler

● CHOICE: In BBC radio archives from the Sixties, Bernstein, Solti, Wellesz and Deryck Cooper speak up for Mahler, while critic Martin Cooper speaks against him. Cooper objected to the over-exposure Mahler was getting at the time and, moreover, found his personality — particularly in the finale of the Mahler third — "rather repellent". Given that tonight's concert ends with the symphony (the so-called No 10) that Cooke constructed from the sketch Mahler left, it is interesting to hear Leonard Bernstein explain why he steadfastly refused to conduct it. 8.35 Mahler (Symphony No 10)

10.00 Drama Now: A Butler Did It, by David Cregan. Honeyman the butler (Bernard Hepton) plots the downfall of his master's house

11.10 Monteverdi Now and Then: Idiosyncratic approaches to performances of Monteverdi. Se Vittorio si belle (Red Byrd), Il Ballo dell'ingrate (Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble); Zefiro torna (Red Byrd)

11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: *Debussy* (r)

1.00-2.25am Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.58 Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4411

10.00 News; Medicine Now

10.30 Morning Story: Private Lessons, by Jill Luxford. Read by Siriol Jenkins

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; Citizens (s)

11.25 From Our Own Correspondent

11.50 Great Lift Journeys: Stephen Wells embarks on the first of six journeys up and down Britain in an assortment of unusual lifts. At Meadowhall, near Sheffield, he experiences the latest in consumer "heaven"

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower

12.25pm Best of My Word! The first of six exchanges between Frank Muir, Denis Norden and their guests, who compete in memorable moments from *My Word!* (r) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes a discussion on the comparative sexuality of Carmen and the eponymous heroine of Frank Wedekind's *Lulu*; an examination of the accuracy of graphology and its application in character assessment; and, how green is your motorway service station?

3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Question (FM only)

3.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre (LW only): Only Connect, by Katie Campbell. A car crash offers an escape for Diana (Elizabeth Mansfield), who feels trapped by family and friends. But can she trust the mysterious stranger?

3.32 Richard Baker Compares Notes (LW only) with William Boughton, the founder and conductor of the English String Orchestra, and Michael Bochmann, its leader (s)

4.00 News

4.05 Age to Age: Barry Cunliffe, John Miller and Brian Geer consider why the last 25 years of African development have proved so disappointing

4.30 Kaleidoscope: The subject of today's programme is arrivals and departures and, in a new departure for the programme, the airport as an art form is considered, with reference to Sir Norman Stone's design of Stansted; Gerald Kaufman, the shadow home secretary, reviews Soviet writer Stuart Kaminsky's new thriller, *The Man Who Walked Like a Bear*; thunder and lightning expert John Latham arrives in the studio to read his poem on arrivals and departures, and to talk about the relationship between poetry and science (s)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55* Weather

6.00 News; Financial Report.

6.30 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue: Raising the Dead. The third of a six-part comedy *series by Stephen Sheridan (s)*

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4: Roisin McAuley reports on issues, attitudes and events at home and abroad

8.00 Science Now (r)

8.30 Lent Observed: Mary Kenny, columnist for the *Sunday Telegraph* and the *Daily Mail* is the fourth of six journalists with a personal faith to reflect on the Passion story (s)

8.45 In Touch: Tony Barringer presents the magazine for the visually handicapped. Includes a report on the proposed closure of the school for blind physiotherapists

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Brother of the More Famous Jack, by Barbara Trapido. The second of an 11-part adaptation, read by Cheryl Kennedy

11.00 The Radio Programme (s) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES Radio 1 1053kHz/285m, 1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8 Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m, FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Jazz FM 102.2 LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m, FM 94.9, World Service. MW 648kHz/463m.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary King 3.00 Steve Wright In the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Independents Now (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Kate Boyle 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Gerald Harper 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 At Home with Hinge and Bracket (r) 7.30 Steve Race 9.00 The Life and Times of Evelyn Laye (1 of 3) (r) 10.00 Martin Kelner 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News Sport 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for toddlers 10.45 How We Worked Then: The Solicitor's Story. Memories of working life in the Twenties and Thirties 11.00 Sport 11.02 As Radio 4 11.25 Sound Advice: Violence at work. Tel 0345 909 693, incl 12.00 News, Sport 12.30pm Landmark Britain's bats 1.00 Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (broadcast at 10.25am) 2.20 Racing: The Cheltenham Festival. Three races from the National Hunt meeting (2.50) Waterford Castle Arkle Challenge, (3.30) Smurfit Champion Hurdle (4.05) BonusPrint Stayers Hurdle 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 The Toby Man: A story by Dick King Smith (2 of 5) 7.35 Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang: The final part of Mordecai Richler's comedy series 8.00 The Answerphone: The press. Tel: 0345 909 693 9.30 Hit the North, incl 10.00 Sport 11.00 Sport 11.08 World Service 11.58-12.05am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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'Virgin birth' code is planned

By Jill Sherman
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

CLINICS offering artificial insemination to single women will have to follow a strict code of practice later this year when the new Statutory Licensing Authority starts operating to safeguard the welfare of the child.

After demands from Conservative MPs for "virgin births" to be banned, Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said the government was unlikely to outlaw the practice. She made clear, however, that from August clinics would be monitored by the authority which will license infertility treatment centres.

Flora Goldhill, the authority's chief executive, said last night that if clinics refused artificial insemination to virgins, they were likely do it themselves opening up the danger of Aids-infected sperm donations. She said: "All you have to do is buy a syringe from a chemist, find a friend to donate sperm and make an appropriate injection. If you take away the right of virgins to have children you may well find this happening."

The authority with investigate ethical issues and will have the power to draw up strict rules governing sperm donation. Next week it will issue a draft code of practice to cover artificial insemination, Mrs Bottomley said. "That is where we set the framework on a statutory basis to make sure that these treatments can only take place when the child's welfare has been considered and the need of that child for a father."

Yesterday the British Pregnancy Advisory Service defended its plans to help single women have children without sexual intercourse. It is counselling three virgins who want children, with a view to giving them artificial insemination. Ian Jones, the service's director, said that there was no evidence that children were disadvantaged by being brought up by single parents.

Dame Jill Knight, Tory MP for Edgbaston, condemned the scheme. "It is difficult to imagine a more irresponsible act than to assist a woman to have a child in this highly unnatural way," she said.

The British Medical Association said it was not unethical for a doctor to carry out the procedure if he or she considered it in the interests of the patient and the child.

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JEREMY SELWYN

● Back from the war: Britain's Desert Rats, elite tank troops in the forefront of the ground war against Iraq, began returning from the Gulf yesterday to an emotional welcome at the RAF base in Gütersloh, West Germany.

Two military airliners carrying the first 450 men of the 7th Armoured Brigade landed at the base, where they were met by families and friends. To the sound of popping champagne corks, the troops hugged and kissed wives and children before boarding buses to be taken to their base near Fallingbostel in northern Germany. Some of the soldiers were introduced to babies born while they were away.

The men brought with them in a cage a real desert rat, captured in the desert of Saudi Arabia and nicknamed "Patrick" after their commanding officer, Brigadier Patrick Cordingley. Tanks of the Brigade, whose Desert Rat nickname was acquired in North Africa during the second world war, were involved in the push into Iraqi-occupied Kuwait when the ground war was launched.

Also returning yesterday were German-based RAF Tornado crews, who flew back to their Laarbruch base near the Dutch border. Seven of the planes that played a key role in the air war against Iraq made a low-level pass over the base before landing, as children waved Union Jacks.

At the German air force base of Oldenburg, 18 German Luftwaffe air crews arrived home with the Alpha jets Bonn sent to help defend Turkey.

Serbs split in hostile camps

From Roger Boyes and Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade

BELGRADE was yesterday on the brink of a new round of street fighting as two large rival crowds, cheering or jeering the hardline Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, resisted all appeals to disperse.

More than 1,000 riot police, backed by tear-gas launchers, encircled parliament to prevent the anti-communist protesters from marching on the chamber, where an emergency session was under way. The legislative committee of parliament has drafted a state of emergency law that, if passed by the chamber, would grant President Milosevic the power to suspend all individual and civic liberty. However, no final decision has yet been made on the bill.

The political temperature rose swiftly throughout the day, aggravated by the police using truncheons and tear gas against student demonstrators on Sunday night. The protesters want to take television out of the hands of the Serbian communists and are demanding the release of prisoners arrested in Saturday's bloody clashes.

The Serbian Orthodox Patriarch Pavle was heckled as a "traitor" when he appealed to tens of thousands of opposition protesters to leave central Belgrade "in the interests of Serbian unity".

On the other side of Belgrade, some 30,000 supporters of Mr Milosevic — brought in buses to a rally directly from their factories — were whipped up to fever pitch. Dusan Matkovic, the Serbian industry minister and deputy chairman of the republic's communist party, told the crowd: "As long as those people are in the centre of Belgrade, we are not going home."

That was said immediately after another party official had called for peaceful dispersal: a clear sign that the communist party praesidium is split, with one faction actively seeking confrontation. Some of the 27-man praesidium are uneasy about Mr Milosevic's decision to use the federal army to quell a demonstration. The federal prime minister's office yesterday deplored the use of tanks in such a situation.

The mood of the communist rally turned almost savage in the course of the afternoon. A few people accused of being opposition spies were grabbed and kicked. The demonstrators also manhandled a British television crew and a team from Cable News Network.

An emergency session of parliament was summoned last night, but Mr Milosevic gave no encouragement to his liberal critics.

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Property charge set to replace poll tax

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Mr Heseltine that the review's conclusions would not be unveiled until after Easter. Examples of what the new tax would mean would be published in May in time for a possible general election.

The development comes amid increasing Tory tension over the expected decision to sink the flagship of Margaret Thatcher's third term as prime minister. After the expressions of support for the poll tax from Cecil Parkinson and Norman Tebbit on Sunday, one junior minister said yesterday that he was prepared to resign if a property tax was adopted. Right-wingers added that two or three other MPS would do likewise. It is understood that some Thatcherite MPs have indicated they will vote against a property tax.

However, sources said that the Ribble Valley by-election had not only strengthened the hand of Mr Heseltine and Mr Major for ending the poll tax in its present form, but had also made a strong case for removing any vestige of it from the "hybrid" tax originally put forward by the environment secretary.

Political sketch

Puzzling through Rifkind's runes

"The principal aspiration of British Airways, as yet unfulfilled, might be said to be on the cabotage front," observed Sir Robert McCrindle (C, Brentwood & Ongar) sagely. "Hear, hear," came wise nods from Tory colleagues beside him. Few had the least idea what he meant.

The Commons was discussing the transport secretary's announcement of an agreement with the United States on transatlantic air services. "This agreement has not been an easy one to negotiate," Malcolm Rifkind told us, in the manner of a small boy coming home from school to tell mum that he came third in the egg-and-spoon race, there being four contestants: but his spoon was very small and his egg was very large and the ground was bumpy.

The House was unsure how to react. To understand the approach they take to these things in the chamber, put yourself into the position of a tabloid sub-editor pondering the headline to tomorrow's lead story, with 30 seconds left to decide and an absolute requirement that the news be represented as total triumph or unmitigated disaster.

So which was it to be? For Peter Snape it was disaster. Standing in for John Prescott as Labour's transport spokesman, and performing with equal vigour and greater coherence, Snape told us that "far from being splendid for UK carriers" it was "a major victory for the US."

For Robert Hayward (C, Kingswood) it was "a very good agreement". To his colleague, Terry Dicks (Hayes & Harlington) "we lose out . . . No other country treats its flag-carrier worse."

An outcome which was welcome to Michael Colvin (C, Romsey & Waterside), appeared to Labour's David Marshall to "sell Britain short".

Between these two factions, who were trading insults and exchanging pleasantries cordially across the floor in the manner of men who were all in the same business and had been divided by nothing more than the toss of fate's coin, was interposed a third group. These were the experts. Their role was to be opaque.

Mr Rifkind and John Wilkinson (C, Ruislip Northwood) swapped views about "capping an exercise" (as Rifkind put it) "of the fifth freedom". Kenneth Warren (C, Hastings & Rye) called it "the *de facto* fifth freedom". None of these gentlemen obliged us with an explanation of what the first four freedoms were, let alone the fifth.

Yet here's a curious truth: as a means of establishing how news is to be taken, the Commons procedure works. A ragbag of experts, ignoramuses and vested interests squabbled crudely across the floor for half an hour about an announcement which many of those taking part, and most of those listening, did not understand. But we could *tell*. From the comparative signs of assurance, the set of the secretary of state's jaw, the angle, bounce and spin of argument, we knew whether he had brought a pineapple or a lemon.

Mr Rifkind had got everything but the girl — the girl being a right for UK airlines to ply for trade on internal US routes, he would have been lucky to bring her home after his first night out. But he had trimmed the claws of US carriers between Britain and America and let British Airways elbow its way into the market for flights direct from continental Europe to the States.

From a rough contest he had come home less than a champion, but without actually dropping the egg from the spoon. The funny thing is this: that is really what everyone was saying. But at Westminster they say it in such quaintly different ways.

MATTHEW PARRIS

RSPCA plans new adverts

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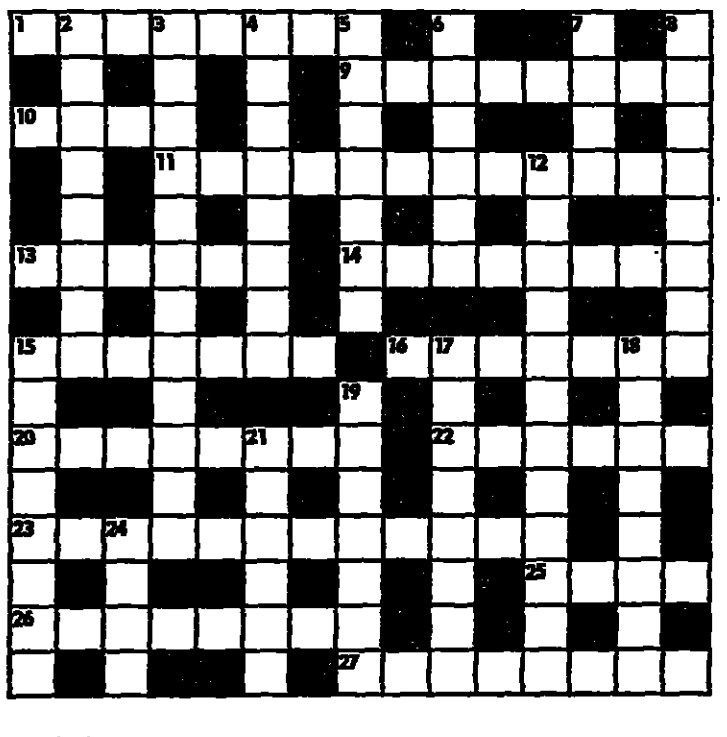
750,000 people had so far signed a petition calling for an eight-hour limit on the transport of animals for slaughter.

The latest advertisement has been carefully checked by advertising executives to make sure that it does not fall foul of the ASA rules, but it has yet to receive final approval by the RSPCA. The association does not regard the campaign as "shock tactics". It says that the copy explains clearly why it is necessary and justifiable, and insists that the images used are not sensational but depictions of the conditions many animals face in Europe.

The text on the latest one says: "It's not our advertisement that should be banned it. It's this . . ." Then it catalogues the conditions that many animals have to face on their drive through Europe to slaughterhouses.

The RSPCA argue that its is is ironic that glossy pictures of dead animals for trivial purposes, like whisky advertisements surrounded by dead grouse and stags, are acceptable, but its attempt to alert people to the tragic fate that could await British horses is criticised.

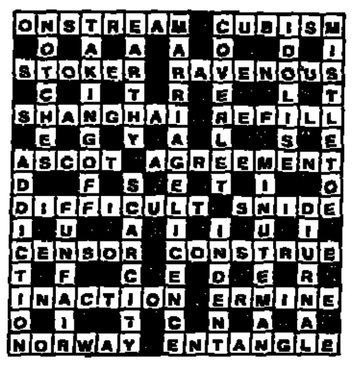
THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,551



ACROSS
1 Stones set close in tin (8).
9 Fare from Mexico wrong — I get full amount back (8).
10 Unpleasant place in desert (4).
11 Main debt ends at sea — far away, you could say (6-6).
13 Suggestion to every leader — tread carefully! (6).
14 Joined forces? (8).
15 Speeds daringly, out of gear (7).
16 Whitewash accomplished in football competition (5-2).
20 Artist using all of beauty's depth? (8).
22 Dream of a happy medium? (6).
23 Extremely rich supply of vehicles on the line (7-5).
25 One goes to a doctor, showing foot in two parts (4).
26 Fabulous swimmer may be yellow, you say, taking heroin? (3-5).
27 On they go, all over the place, in the study of divine houses (8).

DOWN
2 Tin-opener included in a whimsical etching (8).
3 Store in which to go mad? (12).
4 Climax to bulletin in seven-year old language? (8).
5 Deputy of diminished reputation (5-2).
6 Concert part shortened — supply the words for it (6).
7 Cheering Greyfriars' head boy (4).
8 Movement of earth makes one arrive by mistake (8).
12 Wild raver in passionate embrace can be frightening (5-7).
15 Swift, for example — one in dire straits (8).
17 No point accommodating Omar's singer in a conservatory (8).
18 Notable peacemakers set on general (8).
19 Joint wager — outside chance (7).
21 Cross over the Atlantic? (6).
24 Bassanio's choice of conduct (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,550



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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

GAJES
a. Perks of a job
b. Picador's spurs
c. Dried dates from Cadiz

PRIMERO
a. A cut of beef
b. Early morning Mass
c. A card game

MASSYMORE
a. An underground prison
b. A double claymore
c. A defensive fortification

SCATURIENT
a. Preoccupied with obscenity
b. Very hungry
c. Gushing

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WEATHER

Today will be mild, mostly cloudy and misty, and with rain or drizzle, more persistent in Wales and western parts of England and Scotland. Parts of western Scotland and Northern Ireland may become clearer with scattered showers. Brighter spells may develop in sheltered parts of central and eastern England and south-east Scotland. Outlook: staying changeable, with bright or sunny spells, but also rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Majorca	15	59	c
Akrotiri	17	63	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Malta	16	61	s
Algiers	20	68	s	Melb'rne	16	61	c
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Miami*	19	66	s
Athens	13	55	c	Milan	15	59	f
Bahrain	19	66	s	Moscow	-1	30	c
Barbads*	28	82	f	Munich	12	54	c
Barcelna	17	63	s	Nairobi	26	79	f
Belgrade	11	52	s	Naples	16	61	c
Berlin	12	54	f	N Delhi	28	82	s
Bermuda*	23	73	f	N York*	5	41	s
Biarritz	18	64	c	Nice	16	61	s
Borde'x	18	64	f	Oslo	2	36	c
Brussels	12	54	f	Paris	12	54	c
Budapst	8	46	s	Peking	9	48	s
B Aires*	25	77	c	Perth	29	84	s
Cairo	22	72	f	Prague	9	48	r
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	s
C'blanca	17	63	f	Rhodes	11	52	r
Chicago*	6	43	f	Rio de J	30	86	s
Ch'church	18	64	s	Rome	15	59	c
Cologne	12	54	c	Salzburg	11	52	c
C'phagn	3	37	fg	S F'risco*	12	54	r
Corfu	14	57	f	Santiago*	32	90	s
Dublin	7	45	c	S Paulo*	29	84	c
Dubrovnik	17	63	s	Seoul	7	45	c
Faro	15	59	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Florence	15	59	f	St'kholm	3	37	c
Frankfurt	9	48	d	Strasb'rg	10	50	r
Funchal	19	66	s	Sydney	26	79	s
Geneva	11	52	c	Tangier	17	63	c
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Helsinki	1	34	d	Tenerife	22	72	s
Hong K	24	75	s	Tokyo	5	41	r
Innsbrck	10	50	f	Toronto*	-1	30	s
Istanbul	8	46	f	Tunis	19	66	f
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Valencia	21	70	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Vanc'ver*	5	41	f
Le Touqt	11	52	c	Venice	14	57	f
Lisbon	15	59	c	Vienna	7	45	d
Locarno	15	59	c	Warsaw	3	37	c
L Angels*	15	59	f	Wash'ton*	8	46	c
Luxembg	9	48	c	Wel'nton	17	63	f
Luxor	31	88	s	Zurich	9	48	c
Madrid	11	52	f				

* denotes figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Minehead, Somerset, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Cardiff, 0.67 in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 4.0 hr.

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Canada $	2.27	2.12
Denmark Kr	11.74	11.04
Finland Mkk	7.42	6.97
France Fr	10.35	9.70
Germany Dm	3.055	2.855
Greece Dr	328	308
Hong Kong $	15.20	14.20
Ireland Pt	1.145	1.075
Italy Lira	2285	2145
Japan Yen	271.50	254.50
Netherlands Gld	3.44	3.23
Norway Kr	11.92	11.22
Portugal Esc	265.25	249.25
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Sweden Kr	11.30	10.62
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USA $	1.95	1.83
Yugoslavia Dnr	34	26

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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.9	.02	11	52	bright
Anglesey	0.1	-	13	55	bright
Aviemore	1.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Belfast	4.9	-	13	55	sunny
Birmingham	-	.17	10	50	rain
Blackpool	0.3	-	12	54	bright
Bournemouth	-	.35	11	52	rain
Brighton	0.1	.23	9	48	rain
Bristol	0.2	.23	13	55	rain
Buxton	-	.09	9	48	drizzle
Cardiff	0.6	.50	12	54	rain
Clacton	0.8	.07	8	46	rain
Edinburgh	0.1	.03	11	52	cloudy
Falmouth	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Glasgow	0.2	-	11	52	dull
Guernsey	4.0	.50	14	57	rain
Hastings	-	.12	9	48	rain
Hunstanton	2.9	-	12	54	bright
Jersey	2.0	.13	13	55	shower
Kinloss	0.1	.03	11	52	rain
Leeds	0.5	.06	13	55	rain
Lerwick	0.2	.18	7	45	fog
London	-	.01	11	52	rain
Lowestoft	3.6	.06	11	52	rain
Manchester	0.6	.03	12	54	rain
Minehead	1.8	.21	14	57	shower
Morecambe	0.2	.01	12	54	rain
Nottingham	-	.09	10	50	rain
Penzance	1.9	.42	12	54	shower
Plymouth	1.4		x	x	xdrizzle
Poole	-	.46	11	52	rain
Scilly Isles	1.3	.20	13	55	rain
Shanklin	0.5	.29	10	50	rain
Southend	0.4	.04	10	50	shower
Southsea	1.4	.14	11	52	rain
St. Ives	1.7	.32	13	55	cloudy
Stornoway	0.1	.02	9	48	cloudy
Tenby	-	.18	9	48	dull
Torquay	1.8	.20	13	55	cloudy
Weymouth	0.5	.35	11	52	rain
Wick	-	.34	9	48	rain
Worthing	1.2	.18	10	50	rain

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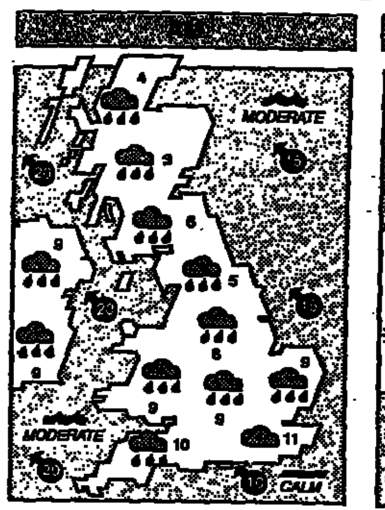

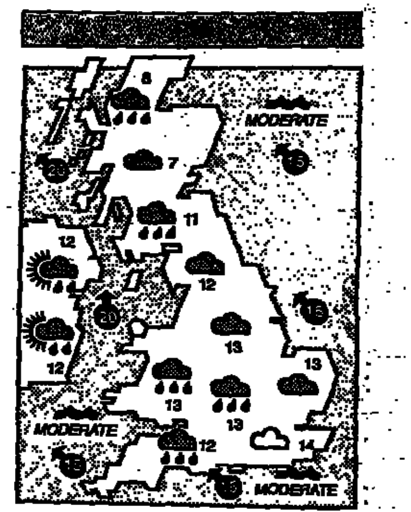

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	f	Guernsey	10	50	f
B'rmgham	11	52	c	Inverness	10	50	s
Blackpool	11	52	c	Jersey	13	55	f
Bristol	11	52	c	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	11	52	c	M'nchster	11	52	c
Edinburgh	5	41	fg	Newcastle	12	54	f
Glasgow	6	43	c	R'nldsway	7	45	c

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.59 pm to 6.21 am
Bristol 6.9 pm to 6.30 am
Edinburgh 6.9 pm to 6.35 am
Manchester 6.7 pm to 6.30 am
Penzance 6.21 pm to 6.42 am

Sun rises: 6.23 am
Sun sets: 5.59 pm
Moon rises 4.45 am
Moon sets 1.42 pm

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.016 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.4 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.22	5.8	11.37	5.7
Aberdeen	10.45	3.4	11.34	3.5
Avonmouth	4.17	10.0	4.45	10.3
Belfast	8.18	2.9	8.50	2.8
Cardiff	4.2	9.4	4.30	9.7
Devonport	2.30	4.4	3.16	4.4
Dover	8.49	5.2	9.4	5.4
Falmouth	2.0	4.2	2.46	4.2
Glasgow	10.25	3.9	10.59	3.7
Harwich	9.21	3.1	9.34	3.1
Holyhead	7.58	4.5	8.34	4.5
Hull	3.50	5.8	3.50	6.0
Ilfracombe	3.19	7.0	3.46	7.1
King's Lynn	3.57	4.8	4.4	5.1
Leith			12.8	4.4

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
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Lowestoft	5.30	2.0	6.50	2.0
Margate	9.35	3.8	9.34	3.9
Milford Haven	3.38	5.4	4.4	5.4
Newquay	2.32	5.5	2.59	5.5
Oban	3.39	3.2	4.11	3.1
Penzance	1.40	4.4	2.22	4.4
Portland	3.39	1.4	4.29	1.4
Portsmouth	8.26	3.6	9.12	3.8
Shoreham	8.35	4.8	9.12	5.1
Southampton	8.17	3.7	9.5	3.8
Swansea	3.31	7.2	4.3	7.3
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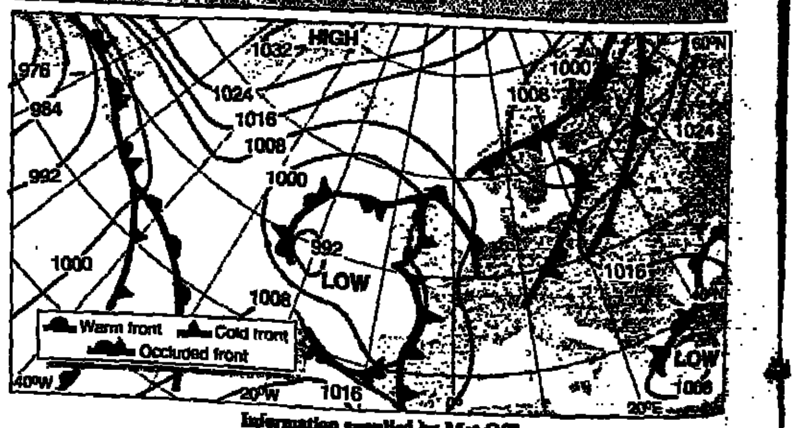

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Power shares profit

THE 1.7 million people who successfully applied for shares in National Power and PowerGen, the electricity generators, should see their shares go to a premium of more than 20 per cent when dealings start in London this afternoon.

Against a part-paid price of 100p a share, dealings should start at 125p or even 130p, on the basis of the tender offer conducted late last week for about 16 per cent of the equity, with National Power at the lower end and PowerGen at the top end of that scale.

This would give an investor who applied for the minimum £300 investment a paper profit of £75 to £90 before dealing costs. Some institutions taking part in the tender offer, thought to be continental European, were willing to pay more than 130p a share, although the average price was 121p.

British Vita beats downturn

British Vita, the maker of polymer and foam products, raised pre-tax profits from £48.3 million to £54.2 million in the year to end-December despite the economic downturn, especially noticeable in British and Spanish markets towards the end of the year.

Vita had the help of a buoyant German market, said Rod Sellers, the chief executive. The group is paying a 3.4p final dividend, making 6.7p, a 14 per cent increase on the previous adjusted figure. The shares eased 15p to 240p.

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Perkins improves

Forty thousand tons of Chinese mushrooms were dumped on the 200,000-ton European market last year, after they were turned away by the American authorities after a health scare. The slump in prices led to a fall in operating profits at Perkins Foods' mushroom division, from £2.07 million to £1.63 million.

Despite this setback, Perkins hoisted group pre-tax profits from £9.8 million to £18.1 million for 1990, with he strongest growth coming rom the group's German izza division. The final divi-end is 2.3p, making 3.8p for e year (3.1p).

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THE POUND

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wood Williams	280p (−14p)

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British Airways warns new deal will hit profits

Branson: monopoly ends

By Angela Mackay

BRITISH Airways has given warning that the agreement to open up transatlantic air routes to and from Heathrow will lower profits and trigger a sweeping reassessment of the group's structure.

Lord King, chairman, said yesterday's decision and the government's move last week to transfer some Japanese routes to Richard Branson's Virgin airlines would "materially reduce BA's future profitability".

Industry analysts agree. Profit estimates have been cut from £345 million to £150 million as a result of the Gulf war and the recession. Doubts have also been raised about BA's ability to maintain dividends.

The shares closed 3p higher at 173p before Malcolm Rifkind, the secretary of state for transport, announced the agreement with America in the House of Commons. Analysts at County NatWest, the broker, said BA's shares were likely to be marked down this morning.

County NatWest said: "It is the first time that the company has admitted that the loss of the Tokyo routes will have an adverse effect on the group and the company will be very sorry to have lost the battle over transatlantic flights in and out of Heathrow."

The agreement reached with the American authorities allows Pan Am and TWA to sell their routes to and from Heathrow to United Air Lines and American Airlines. The agreement over transatlantic air routes also means a second British airline would be allowed to fly from Heathrow to America in addition to British carriers being granted the right to fly to America via continental Europe.

A jubilant Richard Branson celebrated his second coup in a week by cutting all Virgin fares by 15 per cent. Mr Branson said: "We have worked toward this for seven years and are delighted that there has finally been a move to break the biggest monopoly in UK industry. That we have been voted today by *Which* magazine to be the UK's best airline shows that the decision is justified."

Mr Branson said Virgin would make scheduled flights to Washington DC, Orlando, Chicago and San Francisco. He added that the group would be seeking to increase its fleet of 747 aircraft from 8 to 15 over the next two years.

Four Heathrow slots have been transferred to Virgin, which will start flying to the new destinations within two months.

British Midland also welcomed the move, but said the next step would to be provide the extra landing and take-off slots at Heathrow, which is almost saturated.

A spokesman said: "Long-haul carriers, such as Virgin and Cathay Pacific, will obviously have the advantage because they will only want a few slots each day."

Meanwhile, BA said its load factor in February fell to 55.8 per cent from 67 per cent a year ago, while revenue passenger miles fell 26.1 per cent to 2 billion.

At the weekend, Lord King said that in the light of the changes to the Tokyo routes and the anticipated reorganisation of transatlantic business, the company "must now take a serious look at the whole of our business".

BA recently announced a large programme of job cuts and 4,660 people have been made redundant. Lord King made clear that the review of the airline's business could include further cuts in jobs and routes.

While Lord King would not elaborate on the details of an overhaul, there have been suggestions that domestic services in Scotland, including the Highlands and Islands division, and the Glasgow to New York service will be re-examined.

Last week BA closed five routes, including those to Pakistan and central Africa, in addition to earlier moves that included stopping flights to Ireland and the Bahamas, and Washington to Miami on Concorde.

Britain and US agree transatlantic air pact

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

BRITAIN and America have signed a new agreement on transatlantic air routes that will enable United Air Lines to take over Pan Am's Heathrow operations, but it was immediately condemned by British Airways.

As Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, was congratulating the British negotiators in the House of Commons yesterday, Lord King, chairman of British Airways, made a formal complaint to his department claiming Britain had been "sold out" in the talks and that BA's profitability would suffer.

The talks in Washington continued throughout the weekend. At one stage the survival of Pan Am was at risk as the airline had to repay a $100 million loan on Friday. By early yesterday morning, however, agreement had been reached which United officials claimed would give them the chance to go ahead immediately with buying out Pan Am's Heathrow operation, and saving the remainder of the airline as a result.

United, which at the moment does not fly into Heathrow, is one of the most powerful carriers in America, and is expected to be operating from Heathrow eight times a day by April.

As part of yesterday's deal, however, it will not be able to expand its operations beyond the number now flown by Pan Am for three years. This is not expected to present a great difficulty as in common with other airlines, both United and Pan Am have suffered a big fall in passengers.

Also under the deal, Virgin Atlantic will be able to fly transatlantic routes from Heathrow alongside British Airways, United, and eventually American Airlines, which is also planning to buy out ailing TWA's Heathrow operations.

Mr Rifkind told the House that Britain would have "an unprecedented wide range of new opportunities to compete in US markets". As well as the additional rights for Virgin, other British airlines will be able to fly to a number of American destinations now banned to all but BA.

The most significant change according to Mr Rifkind and his officials, was the right of British airlines to mount operations to America via points in continental Europe. At first sight, this would appear to give British Airways and others the chance to create a "hub" airport on the Continent such as was considered by BA at Brussels.

BA officials last night said they would try to take advantage eventually of this, but that it would mean reaching agreement with European governments before they were able to do so. They regarded the deal as giving America everything it wanted, but with almost nothing immediately on the table for them.

The total package, which includes the right to share aircraft codes providing through flights linking one airline with another, will be worth in total about £200 million to Britain, according to Mr Rifkind.

Samuel Skinner, American transport secretary, thought it could be worth twice as much while BA considered it worth far less.

The right to fly within America itself, one of BA's main demands, will not be discussed until new talks are held between the two sides, said Mr Rifkind. "These were not included in these discussions because they would have involved changes in US domestic law and would have needed Congressional approval," he said.

The deal was reached after months of often acrimonious negotiations between the two sides after United's bid to take over the Heathrow operations from Pan Am, and American's similar attempt to move into Heathrow in place of TWA.

Permission to sell UK routes saves Pan Am from closure

From Philip Robinson in New York

PAN American was saved from the brink of a shutdown yesterday when British aviation officials approved the sale of its London routes to United Air Lines, America's largest carrier.

The decision came after four days of talks in Washington between British and American aviation officials. The route sale was part of a discussion over increased access to the American market for British Airways and Virgin.

The British withheld approval of the sale until the Americans agreed to relax some restrictions limiting the British carriers flying within America. Despite the agreement, which saves Pan Am and effects a cash injection to Trans World Airlines, industry sources said BA was unlikely to be happy with the deal.

The British appear to have given ground on the number of services the American carriers will be allowed to fly across the Atlantic, and on a landing slot for BA's route from America to Sydney. Britain wanted that flight to leave from Los Angeles airport. It is understood the company will have to operate from the much smaller airport at Seattle.

The deal means two of America's most powerful airlines will have access to Heathrow, take the lion's share of the transatlantic market and gain an important foothold for European traffic.

With Pan Am's routes, United Air Lines will command about 14 per cent of the market. American Airlines' plan to buy TWA's London routes for $445 million can now be completed, giving it about 17 per cent of the transatlantic traffic. British Airways is believed to have 11 per cent.

Pan Am is expected to be paid within 17 days, allowing repayment of $150 million bridging loans from Bankers Trust and United Air Lines. Both were due to be repaid by midnight last Friday, but Pan Am said Bankers Trust and United were willing to extend the deadline.

A Pan Am spokesman said: "This deal gives a much greater degree of confidence in our staying power and of course that helps us in the travelling community and with the public."

Pan Am and United will now have a passenger swapping marketing agreement and United will underwrite Pan Am's tickets. United will honour those tickets should the airline be forced to shut down before its financial re-organisation allows it to emerge from bankruptcy court protection.

Pan Am's two-year fight for survival has cost 4,000 of its 26,000 jobs and losses of $2 billion. The airline is still fighting a bankruptcy court decision that it has to repay $33 million to the owners of about 34 of its aircraft immediately.

Race to find buyer for ILG

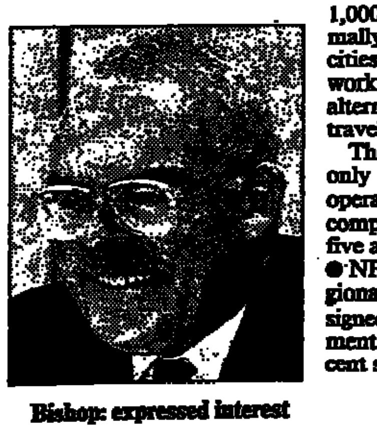
By Our City Staff

THE administrators appointed to Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group are seeking a buyer for the business by tomorrow night when the Civil Aviation Authority withdraws the group's tour operator licences.

Talks were continuing last night with two airlines, including British Midland, and several tour operators for parts of the business.

Tim Hayward, one of the KPMG Peat Marwick administrators, said it would be preferable to find a buyer for the business by tomorrow because there would be more to offer a purchaser. However, he said the CAA would not be withdrawing Air Europe's airline licences until next Monday night. "But if someone has the licence for the tours then they have the option of taking the lot instead of just a scheduled airline," he added.

British Midland, headed by Michael Bishop, Air 2000, and Thomson Holidays have expressed interest in parts of the business. British Midland is believed to be keen to purchase some aircraft and possibly some routes.



Bishop: expressed interest

Meanwhile Dan-Air was granted an emergency licence by the CAA to fly between Gatwick and Brussels, a route which had been operated by Air Europe until its collapse at the weekend. Yesterday up to 1,000 businessmen who normally fly between the two cities at the start of each working week had to make alternative arrangements to travel via Heathrow.

The licence is for four weeks only and allows Dan-Air to operate two flights a day compared with Air Europe's five a day.

● NFD Luftverkehrs, the regional German airline, has signed a preliminary agreement to buy back ILG's 49 per cent stake in the company.

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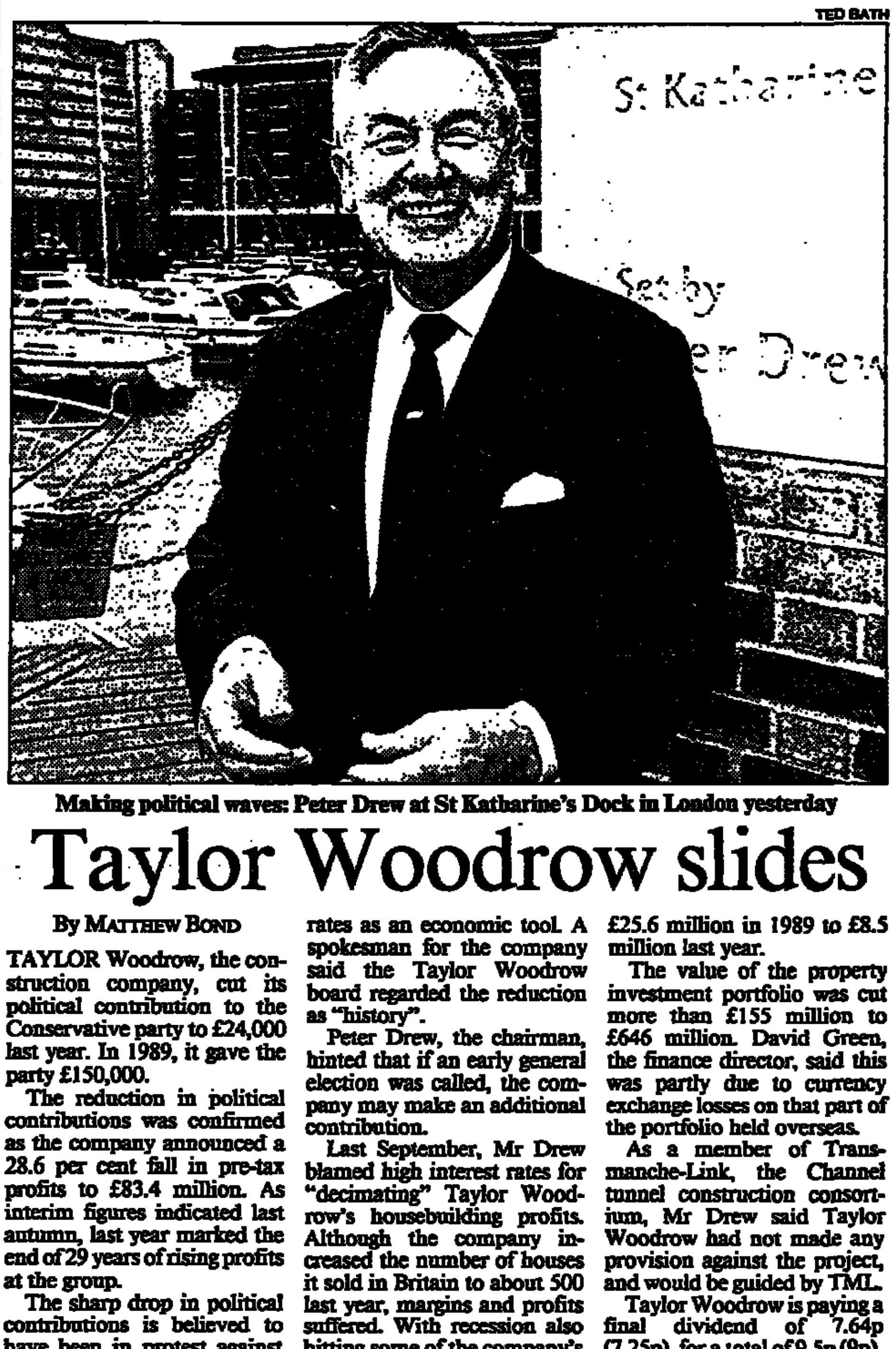

TED BATH

Making political waves: Peter Drew at St Katharine's Dock in London yesterday

Taylor Woodrow slides

By Matthew Bond

TAYLOR Woodrow, the construction company, cut its political contribution to the Conservative party to £24,000 last year. In 1989, it gave the party £150,000.

The reduction in political contributions was confirmed as the company announced a 28.6 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £83.4 million. As interim figures indicated last autumn, last year marked the end of 29 years of rising profits at the group.

The sharp drop in political contributions is believed to have been in protest against the government's prolonged and rigid use of high interest rates as an economic tool. A spokesman for the company said the Taylor Woodrow board regarded the reduction as "history".

Peter Drew, the chairman, hinted that if an early general election was called, the company may make an additional contribution.

Last September, Mr Drew blamed high interest rates for "decimating" Taylor Woodrow's housebuilding profits. Although the company increased the number of houses it sold in Britain to about 500 last year, margins and profits suffered. With recession also hitting some of the company's overseas markets, worldwide housebuilding profits fell from £25.6 million in 1989 to £8.5 million last year.

The value of the property investment portfolio was cut more than £155 million to £646 million. David Green, the finance director, said this was partly due to currency exchange losses on that part of the portfolio held overseas.

As a member of Transmanche-Link, the Channel tunnel construction consortium, Mr Drew said Taylor Woodrow had not made any provision against the project, and would be guided by TML.

Taylor Woodrow is paying a final dividend of 7.64p (7.25p), for a total of 9.5p (9p).

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Job losses cost BBA £6.7m

By Colin Campbell

BBA Group, the automotive, industrial and aviation concern, has begun a programme to shed 1,300 jobs in its automotive division because of poorer demand.

The company said yesterday it has provided £6.7 million in redundancy charges to cover the job losses that were initiated in the middle of last year and will be completed by the end of the month.

The cuts are being made worldwide, and follow a sharp decline in demand for automotive products in the industry, notably in the second half of last year.

The group's automotive division turned in lower operating profits of £34.6 million (£52.4 million) on sales down from £713.4 million to £631.8 million in 1990. Group operating profits fell to £96.9 million (£109.7 million) and pre-tax profit slid from £82.1 million to £75.1 million.

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Central banks battle to hold down dollar

By Colin Narbrough
Economics correspondent

THE Bundesbank, fearful that the surging dollar threatened Germany's counter-inflationary policy, spearheaded a wave of central bank intervention to push back the American currency.

The concerted morning action by about ten central banks, including the Bank of England, was followed by a second, smaller afternoon assault on the dollar, in which the Federal Reserve Board joined in, reflecting Washington's concern that a stronger dollar would damage American exports. The dollar, which has advanced strongly since the end of the Gulf war, opened sharply up from Friday's Frankfurt close of DM1.5580, hitting a morning high of DM1.5865 before the Bundesbank stepped in. At the German market finish it was back down to DM1.5745.

Wider policy concerns lay behind the German and American intervention; the unruly market for the dollar since last week was probably the immediate trigger.

Paul Chertkow, chief currency strategist at Citibank, said the market had become "frenzied" although the dollar was only 13 pfennigs above its record low. In the second wave of intervention, the Bundesbank sold dollars for marks when the dollar was trading at about DM1.5745. The Bank of England also intervened on behalf of the Japanese. Dealers noted the absence of the Bank of France, which strongly backed support for the dollar last month.

The dollar surge came in spite of Friday's easing by the Fed in its target rate for fed funds by a quarter point to 6 per cent.

Market expectations of lower British interest continued to grow, despite a signal from the Bank of England that it wants no imminent change. The benchmark three-month interbank rate ended 1/8 down at $12^{5}/_{16}$. Signs that high interest rates, recession and rising unemployment have been seriously restraining the British consumer this year were evident in official data on credit and retail sales for January.

Banks and finance houses increased lending to consumers by a net £60 million, the lowest rise on record.

The largely sidelined pound closed over two cents down against the dollar at $1.8510, having been as low as $1.8480 at one point. Against the mark sterling improved nearly a third of a pfennig to DM2.9242.

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Sterling declines to £6.6m

Pre-tax profits at Sterling Trust, the banking group, have fallen from £8.9 million in 1989 to £6.6 million in 1990.

Sterling is still perhaps better known as Dewey Warren, the USM cash shell that in 1989 put the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell in play when it sold a 4.9 per cent shareholding.

After a reverse takeover by the private banking group Robert Fraser was called off later in 1989, Dewey Warren embarked on a restructuring. Last year it distributed £37 million to shareholders in special dividends and capital reductions. No dividend will be paid this year. Its main operating subsidiary is Sterling Bank & Trust, which made pre-tax profits of £2.8 million in 1990 (£3.2 million).

Nick Oppenheim, chairman, is to step down and will be succeeded by Christopher Saunders, joint chief executive of Tutton & Saunders.

Clondalkin up

Clondalkin Group, the Irish printing and packaging company, has announced a 17 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to Ir£11.9 million (£10.8 million) for the year to December 31. A final dividend of 2.484p makes 4.056p (3.755p). Domhnall McCullough, the chairman, said: "Current trading and prospects for the company are considered to be satisfactory."

Barings hit by Tokyo market slump

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

THE collapse in the Japanese warrant market hit Barings, the privately owned merchant bank. Group pre-tax profits fell 36 per cent to £42.4 million last year.

The fall in profits occurred in Baring Securities, the bank's far eastern securities subsidiary, which is one of the leading traders in equity warrants. The warrant issue market was closed for most of last year because of the slump of the Tokyo stock market.

Baring Securities was profitable, however. Its derivatives arm was successful, since trading in Japanese stock market index futures was heavy. Newer offshoots in Singapore, Hong Kong and Thailand also contributed to profits.

Peter Baring, the group chairman, refused to reveal Baring Securities' profits, but said it made a significant contribution. Last year it produced more than £33 million.

The blow to Baring Securities was cushioned by a rise in profits in corporate finance. Barings advised on many of the largest public deals. It acted for Northern Telecom in its bid for STC, helped in the merger between Willis Faber and Corroon & Black, the insurance brokers, and unsuccessfully defended Globe Investment Trust against British Coal Pension Funds' bid.

Mr Baring said the corporate finance department was benefiting from its international network.

Profits also rose in the asset management division after a reorganisation. Funds under management fell, however, by 11 per cent to £14.3 billion because of the fall in world stock market prices.

The banking arm survived the year without any bad debt provisions on its £1 billion loan book, in sharp contrast to the clearing banks. "This is the proof of our pudding," said Mr Baring. "We took the view that lending margins were absurdly low. Now margins have increased we are glad we have retained our expertise to do business at proper rates."

Mr Baring said he was cautious about the coming year. "Although there has been some recovery in past weeks I think it could still be pretty tough," he said.

"We would have liked to have earned more last year but if we can achieve this given the circumstances then we can achieve group targets."

Mr Nazer (right) and Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Salman

Opec split on output

THE inability of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to present a united front in an attempt to stabilise crude prices has rocked oil markets and increased fears of an oil glut (Martin Barrow writes).

In London yesterday, Brent crude for April delivery fell to $18 a barrel from Friday's closing $18.81, before recovering to $18.50, after oil ministers meeting in Geneva indicated that Saudi Arabia, supported by Venezuela and the United Arab Emirates, was reluctant to reduce output to levels set before Iraq invaded Kuwait. Reduced output is seen as crucial if oil prices are to recover. Smaller producers seek an immediate curb on production.

Among those at the the first Opec meeting since the end of the Gulf war were Hisham Mohiddin Nazer, Saudia Arabia's oil minister, and Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Salman, his adviser.

The split could thwart efforts to force oil prices back to $21 a barrel, the Opec benchmark set only weeks before the invasion.

MAI saves £75m for television franchises

By Our Banking Correspondent

MAI, the financial services to media group, has built a £75 million cash reserve to finance its bids for independent television franchises in May.

The company has raised £21 million by selling a 5 per cent stake in Avenir, its French associate company, to Havas, the French media group. MAI exercised a put option to sell the stake at Fr270 a share, compared to the market price of Fr220. The disposal reduces its holding to 15.5 per cent.

Clive Hollick, the managing director, said the company is planning to make several bids as a lead investor, and several more as a co-investor. At least one of the bids will be made with SelecTV, the independent producer.

MAI raised pre-tax profits 5 per cent to £29.6 million in the six months to end-December, but is holding its interim dividend at 1.4p.

The increase came despite the weakness of the dollar, which reduced profits from money broking by £3 million. Money broking profits fell £400,000 to £16.6 million despite higher volumes.

Profits were boosted by the interest on the £79 million MAI raised from the sale of a 12 per cent stake in Avenir last July.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Memec shares leap by 62p on bid talks

SHARES in Memec, the electronic components distributor, raced to 262p from 200p on an announcement from the company that it is holding talks with a potential bidder about a cash bid at 270p. The statement accompanied results for the year to end-December showing a 27 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £8.5 million (£6.7 million) on sales up 14 per cent to £110.8 million. A final dividend of 5.35p makes a total of 7p for the year, a 16.7 per cent increase.

Dick Skipworth, the chairman, sounded a cautious note on the short-term outlook. He said the UK operations would continue to grow this year as sales of new products increase and market conditions improve, but establishing a profitable business in the US had taken longer than expected.

Profits slip at Cornwell

CORNWELL Parker, the furniture group that owns Parker Knoll, saw pre-tax profits fall in the six months to end-January to £3.59 million (£4.07 million) on sales of £46.1 million (£43.9 million). *Earnings per share* fell to 5.9p (7.1p). The interim dividend stays at 1.6p. Martin Jourdan, chairman, said gearing was about 10 per cent.

Alphameric to sell PCs

ALPHAMERIC, the loss-making computer hardware maker, is to sell its personal computer software and hardware subsidiary, PC Communications, to a management buyout team for £127,000. *The deal will reduce Alphameric's* bank borrowings by £282,000. Alphameric said it had decided to dispose of PCC because it was not part of its "strategic plan".

Polythene firm rises

PRE-TAX profits at British Polythene Industries, the polythene film manufacturer and recycler, increased 13 per cent to £8.8 million during the year to end-December, despite higher raw materials prices. Operating profits were up 20 per cent to £12.7 million on sales ahead 3 per cent to £158.4 million. A final dividend of 5.25p makes 8.25p for the year, up 10 per cent. There is a £3.7 million extraordinary credit on disposals of non-core businesses.

Cameron McLatchie, the chairman and chief executive, said current trading is not as buoyant as this time last year. He was confident about the company's prospects "and our ability to take advantage of an upturn in the trading cycle".

Gas bond sets record

BRITISH Gas has launched the biggest corporate bond seen to date in the Euromarkets, a £350 million ten year issue carrying a coupon of 10.875 per cent. The previous biggest Euromarket issue was a $500 million bond from Mobil, and the largest in the sterling market, a £200 million Sears deal. Funds raised will pay debts.

Young falls 60% pre-tax

RISING fuel costs and a battle over prices caused a 60 per cent slump in pre-tax profits at Young Group, the private coal miner. In the year to end December, it made £1.13 million. The final dividend fell to 2.6p (5.2p), making 5.2p (7.8p). Shares remained at 130p. Robert Young, chairman, holds 51 per cent.

Sema falls to £15.3m

INTEREST charges and an exceptional item pushed pre-tax profits at Sema Group, the Anglo-French computer software and services company, down 12 per cent last year to £15.3 million from £17.5 million. Sales in the year to end-December rose 28 per cent to £375 million and operating profits, combined with the contribution from related companies, were up slightly on last year at £17.5 million.

However, a net interest charge of £1.4 million, compared with interest income of £67,000 in 1989, and an £819,000 exceptional item contributed to the pre-tax reduction. Earnings per share declined from 11.6p to 10.5p. A final dividend of 1.6p makes 2.5p (2.4p).

Hey & Croft suffers slump

HEY & Croft, the East Anglian housebuilder, slumped to a pre-tax loss of £3.7 million in the year to end-October. There is no final dividend (1.8p) and there was no interim (1p). Hey & Croft slipped from a pre-tax profit of £2.4 million in 1988 to £1 million profit in 1989. Last year the company sold 100 houses and flats, after 212 in 1989.

Payout passed by toymaker

COWAN, de Groot, the toys and electrical goods maker, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits to £249,000 (£1.15 million) in the six months to end-October and is passing its interim dividend (1.25p). After a £300,000 extraordinary item covering legal expenses incurred in the Eagle Trust case, there is a loss of £185,000 after a preference share payout.

National Power PLC **PowerGen plc**

ALLOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Offers for Sale
by
Kleinwort Benson Limited
on behalf of
The Secretary of State for Energy

Both of the Offers for Sale have been over-subscribed and shares have been recalled from the Overseas Offers and from institutional investors. Valid applications from persons applying with registrant preference will be met as set out below. Due to heavy demand, no shares are being allocated to other members of the general public.

SHARES ALLOCATED TO PERSONS APPLYING WITH REGISTRANT PREFERENCE

Shares applied for	Total shares allocated	Comprising shares in:	
		National Power	PowerGen
300 to 1,500	300	186	114
2,000 to 3,000	350	217	133
4,000	450	279	171
5,000	500	310	190
10,000	1,000	620	380
15,000 and above	nil	nil	nil

It is expected that dealings in the shares will commence in London at 2.30p.m. on Tuesday, 12th March 1991 and that Interim Certificates will be sent to applicants allocated shares under the Offers for Sale on or before Monday, 18th March 1991.

Applicants who wish to sell before they have received Interim Certificates will only be able to do so if they make arrangements to deal on this basis. Applicants who deal before receipt of Interim Certificates will do so at the risk of selling shares for which they have not received an allocation.

Note 1: Allocations in respect of valid applications by eligible employees and pensioners of National Power, PowerGen and Nuclear Electric have been made as follows:

ALLOCATIONS TO EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONERS

	National Power (shares in National Power)	Nuclear Electric (shares in National Power)	PowerGen (shares in PowerGen)
Free and *Matching* Offers	*in full*	*in full*	in full
Employee Discount and Priority Offers	in full, up to a maximum allocation of 4,900 shares	in full, up to a maximum allocation of 4,900 shares	in full
Pensioner Priority Offers	in full, up to a maximum allocation of 4,900 shares	in full, up to a maximum allocation of 4,900 shares	in full

Note 2: Persons applying with registrant preference are individuals for whose benefit a valid application was made for the share bonus or the instalment discount together with, in either case, registrant preference. References to applications are to applications which have not been rejected.

Note 3: All allocations are subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus dated 22nd February 1991 and in the Mini Prospectus.

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Rescuing insolvency law

COMMENT

Britain has still not managed to devise a good legal framework for rescuing troubled companies. The contrast between the International Leisure Group's Air Europe, which was grounded overnight, and Pan American, which operates almost normally under Chapter 11 of the American bankruptcy code, is striking.

Under the 1986 Insolvency Act, a company can apply to the court for administration, under which creditors' claims are frozen in the American manner. But there are differences. The directors immediately lose control under administration — but not under Chapter 11 — to the same accountants who might act as the alternative, confusingly-titled administrative receiver. This is little incentive to move early. Under Chapter 11, bankers may put up more money in advance of a reconstruction, a rarity under British administration.

Psychology may be a bigger difference. Steve Hill, partner in insolvency practitioner Cork Gully, explains: "In this country, we don't have a rescue mentality." In theory, administration orders can still have recovery, rather than orderly realisation of assets, as their main aim. In practice, administration tends to be a reformed type of receivership, fairer to more creditors.

A bank creditor put a receiver into ILG subsidiaries that leased aircraft before the main effort at rescue had finally been abandoned prior to administration. Given the oddities of the travel industry, this triggered action by the Civil Aviation Authority, the calling of bonds and the travel agents' insurance scheme, effectively stopping ILG's package tour companies taking on new business too.

Even without this, a business depending on public confidence could not have survived an order under the clearly named Insolvency Act. There is, quite reasonably, no distinction in the public mind between administration and receivership. Insolvency accountants still hope this might change if they could rescue and refloat one or two big public companies from administration. That is optimistic.

Dollar battle

The scale of yesterday's central bank intervention, especially from Frankfurt, was greater than met the eye. This was not just a smoothing operation. The banks want to stop the dollar juggernaut. Speculators, as usual, believe that they can beat the central bankers. As usual, they are likely to be proved wrong.

Dealers were talking yesterday about the dollar being a one-way bet and a sure-fire winner — a reliable indicator that the turn may be at hand. Apart from the central bank intervention, the market could not think of a single reason why the dollar might fall. The last time sentiment was so one-sided was the first week of February. In those far-off days, the dollar was at DM1.46 and noone could think of a reason to buy it. That was also the last time the central banks attacked, buying the dollars they are now throwing back at the market, after making a profit of more than 8 per cent.

Dealers puzzled by this change of tack wonder whether central banks want a strong or weak dollar. The answer is that they want the dollar low enough to encourage an export-led recovery in the American economy, but not so low as to threaten unacceptable inflation, which to the inflation-tolerant Americans means a rate above 5 or 6 per cent. Victory in the *Gulf* war has made the American public, and therefore politicians, even more impatient for rapid export-led recovery. Germany and Japan also prefer a weak since they would welcome its cooling effects on their economies. Arrayed against the three economic superpowers, we have Britain, Italy and France, all favouring a strong dollar. Whose side would you rather be on?

TW optimism

Two years ago Sir Frank Gibb, then chairman of Taylor Woodrow, was actively trying to realise a profit from St Katharine's Dock, the group's flagship property development by London's Tower Bridge. Most shareholders wish Sir Frank had seen his idea through to completion. His successor, Peter Drew, was responsible for building the project. When he became chairman at the start of 1990, the "for sale" sign on his baby was quietly taken down.

That was an opportunity missed for a company better known for its construction and development expertise than for its property investment skills. The damage, however, goes on.

The value of the group's investment portfolio fell by 19 per cent to £646 million last year. With the volume of new City office space rising by the day, that will not quickly be regained.

Taylor Woodrow remains heavily dependent on property sales to maintain its profits. In 1989 for instance, almost £50 million of profits came from the disposal of mature properties. The increased dividend is witness to Mr Drew's optimism in the future. With any recovery in the housing market likely to come too late for the current year, and the outlook for construction still deteriorating, however, Taylor Woodrow needs to find profits somewhere. Commercial property is not a promising place to look, but appears the only option. At more than 16 times earnings, the shares look expensive.

BBA driven down by automotive influence

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BBA Group, the automotive, industrial and aviation group long ago declared it wanted to develop away from automotive interests, but still cannot shake itself free of the motor industry's influence.

The automotive interests, now responsible for only 35.7 per cent of operating profit, compared with 47.8 per cent previously, and eventually headed for only 25 per cent, braked BBA's profits in 1990, with the worse impact in the second half.

Automotive's problems were compounded by an exceptional £6.7 million charge to cater for 1,300 redundancies, and a £2 million adverse exchange rate movement. The year's outcome at £75.1 million against £82.1 million pointed to a reduction in pre-tax margins from 6.59 per cent to 6.11 per cent, while a £15.4 million extraordinary charge, relating largely to losses on disposal, against £11.1 million, left shareholders' funds weaker.

The final dividend is held at 5.25p, making 7.5p (7.25p) for the year. First half results are expected to compare poorly with the relatively strong first half of 1990, and year-end profits could be down again.

BBA remains *hostage to American, German and Aus*tralian currencies, and the adoption of average exchange rate accounting could dent the final result. Gearing ended the year at 61 per cent, against 55 per cent, but there could be some relief on the interest front, particularly on the dollar borrowings. Group net interest was £21.8 million last year, against £27.6 million.

Pre-tax profit estimates are for £70 million this year and £80 million in 1992, putting the shares, at 161p, up 3p, on ratings of 11 and 9.5 respectively. There are better bets around.

Safe stacking in EMS: Howard Phillips of Perkins

Perkins Foods

FEW company bosses were more delighted than Howard Phillips, of Perkins Foods, when John Major took Britain into the European exchange-rate mechanism last October. But then Perkins makes about 93 per cent of its profits outside the United Kingdom and can expect to benefit not only from a more stable pound, but also from any weakness that a cut in UK interest rates may bring.

So confident is Perkins that from now on it will hedge against only 30 per cent of its foreign exchange risk, against 70 per cent before.

Perkins has more than the European Monetary System going for it. Strip out the effects of the European market being flooded by Chinese *mushrooms*, and the group would have achieved about 20 per cent organic growth again last year. It had to settle for 12 per cent, enough, with help from the German taxman, to produce a 26 per cent rise in earnings per share.

Cashflow improved to £14.9 million and the cash-generative qualities of the fruit and vegetable operations will ensure that capital expenditure for the current year, doubled to £8 million, will be met without denting the group's current £9 million cash balances. This year, Perkins wants to break into the UK, where it makes only 7.3 per cent of its profit, and will expand elsewhere in Europe to reduce its 76 per cent dependence on the Netherlands.

Perkins should make £24 million this year, producing perhaps 11.7p of earnings. The shares, at 142p, or 12.1 times earnings, still more than justify their 5 per cent sector premium.

British Vita

THE rain in Spain flows a little too quickly down the drain, at least since an enterprising band of gypsies took to removing all the metal drainage covers off the Spanish motorways for sale as scrap. Enter British Vita, unglamorous Lancastrians and proud of it, to produce a plastic and rubber replacement manhole cover with little scrap value and more chance of staying in place.

The story is an example of the ability of a group, once solely a manufacturer of cheap foam rubber, to search out niche markets for its products. Aside from various odd-shaped plastic bits which fill a range of industrial uses, Vita also makes, among other things, running shoes, womens' shoulder pads, car seat headrests and shoe polishers. Sixty per cent of sales are in continental Europe and little more than 15 per cent in the battered British car industry.

Vita has recently started operations in what was East Germany and has a toehold in the American market through Spartec, its "keyhole operation". Caution over prospects for 1991, along with profit-taking from a rise of more than 50p already this year, began a 15p fall in the share price to 225p despite a 12 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £54.2 million in 1990. The improvement was mainly due to a better performance from the German operations. Profits in this country fell by 16 per cent.

The sale of a stake in its Australian asset brought gearing back from 21 per cent to 17 per cent by the year-end. The shares are no longer cheap, selling on more than 12 times' this year's earnings assuming about £55 million pre-tax, but they should be bought on any further weakness.

Return of the sober banker

THE traditional City banker, once an endangered species, is making a comeback.

For two decades, Britain's corporate bankers have had to defend their business against successive waves of foreign invasion, as their profits and market share suffered. But as the foreign banks retreat, suffering from heavy bad debt provisions and capital shortage, companies are re-discovering the importance of maintaining good relations with a lead institution.

The rush of entrants into the London banking market in the Seventies and Eighties led to the emergence of transactional banking, a new form of business. European, American and Japanese banks cold-called companies and offered to undercut going lending rates to obtain new business.

Competition reached a peak in 1987 when BTR arranged a £1 billion loan facility at a rate of 0.1 per cent over base. Banks could not pay overheads on such a margin and no British bank participated yet the syndicate was oversubscribed. "The risk/reward ratio had gone," said Sydney Shore, general manager of corporate banking at Lloyds, "but the British clearers had to follow these low margins to retain corporate customers."

This competition began to unravel last summer. Japanese and American banks, short of capital, are unwinding international corporate lending to meet international capital standards. Loan syndication, once a formality, is difficult, and margins have widened.

Even British banks are cutting assets. Midland shed £5 billion in risk-weighted assets last year in Midland Montagu, its corporate banking offshoot. Gene Lockhart, chief executive of retail banking, says the bank is unwilling to lend at low margins unless a company has an on-going relationship with the bank, and is buying other profitable products such as foreign exchange or swaps.

Today, a syndicated loan like BTR's might have to offer up to 0.4 per cent over base to be sure of acceptance. Lower quality companies could pay double that rate. "If a credit is not strong," said Mr Shore, "the chances of a successful syndication are not good. Even a strong credit has to be priced properly."

The lesson of the risks of transactional banking during a recession has been harsh. Last year Polly Peck International suffered a liquidity crisis and did not have a lead banker (although Standard Chartered lent support through its merchant banking arm). The group went into administration.

Many other companies have suffered as the international debt syndication market dried up and are turning to traditional relationship bankers for help.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, the chairman of National Westminster, summed up the change in a recent statement to the House of Commons Treasury select committee. "It is much easier for a bank to seek to help a business through difficult times if they have an on-going relationship. Some of the companies feeling the pinch are those which took advantage of transactional banking and now find that their lending facilities may not be renewed," he said.

The resurgence of relationship banking, even among healthy companies, is witnessed in a survey from Price Waterhouse, the accountant. PW asked the treasurers from 30 leading companies for their opinions of their banks. Almost all put better service before price. More than a quarter had dropped at least one of their banks in the past year because the bank's account manager was inefficient. "The companies felt the banks were not listening," said Paul Reyniers, partner in charge of financial markets.

Some bankers believe companies will remain faithful to their banks when the economy recovers. Others are more sceptical. "You are dealing with human beings," said one. "People do not learn from the mistakes of their forefathers."

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ORE evidence to support e school of thought that the ock market is very definitely ck into a bull phase comes om Angus MacDonald, who t his job as a fund manager th Martin Curry, the independent Scottish firm, to unch Directus, which monrs the sale and purchase of ures by directors. Macnald claims that since May t year the number of rebuying sprees has outghed share sales by a ratio 1:1. "Since then a lot of the cks we highlighted have ubled or trebled in price," says. By way of example he nts out that in August four ctors of Savage Group, ch manufactures shelving the DIY market, bought a l of 1.25 million shares, at es between 18p and 20p. shares now stand at 52p. ectus, which generates two hree buy or sell recomdations a day, charges 00 a year for its service just nine months after its ch, has 120 subscribers. would have been happy 50 by the end of the first " says MacDonald, aged nd a former institutional man with Laing & ckshank. Thus engaged, he is now launching ionthly private client magazine, *The Inside Track*, written by ex-Bell Lawrie White broker Colin Rogers, with an annual subscription charge of £90. "We have just got Fimbra authorisation and the first issue will be published in April," he says. "It will be different to most tip sheets because he will not be making recommendations on the back of his own beliefs, but on the back of the actions of company directors." Analysts, he adds, get the future direction of share prices right only 60 per cent of the time. Directors are 90 per cent accurate.

Power-gen

EMPLOYEES at National Power's City headquarters close to St Paul's will be kept up to date with the latest value of their shares when dealing starts today by means of a special television link with the dealing room at James Capel, the main government broker for the float. Two huge satellite dishes were yesterday being installed on the roofs of the respective buildings, via which pictures of the first dealings would be beamed on to a huge television screen in the National Power canteen. The company's chief executive, John Baker, will be at Capel's with his PowerGen counterpart, Ed Wallis, to watch the start of dealings, as will energy secretary John Wakeham, doubtless relieved that his involvement in one of the most difficult privatisations of recent years is now at an end. All he still has to face is the all-powerful Commons' public accounts committee, to explain why some of the 12 electricity distributors' shares are now worth twice his department's valuation.

"First time those lads have slipped in years"

A FRAMED notice on the wall of a marriage bureau in the Midlands reads : "Courtship is that period of time during which a girl decides whether or not she can do better."

Bear faced Bob

FORMER Japanese equity salesman Robert Owen, who spent £10,000 of his redundancy pay from Lehman Brothers on an expedition to the Arctic ice cap, returned to his Bayswater home at the weekend, with frost bitten toes and a frost nipped face, after a total of 20 days pulling a sledge, on foot, across the ice. Owen, aged 25, had wanted to make such a trip since reading about Scott as a child, and with his Arctic guide, made the first successful winter double crossing of Svalbard, an island northeast of Greenland. "It was fantastic," he says. "But it was very scarey at times, especially at night when you knew the polar bears were prowling about, watching you. Even during the day you were constantly on your guard in case they jumped on you." He experienced a complete "white out" on several occasions and once nearly walked into a crevasse. "You couldn't see more than three or four yards in front of you and suddenly I found the tips of my skis over the edge of this crevasse. It was that close." He hopes that sponsorship of the expedition will have raised as much as £20,000 for the Samaritans, Help a London Child and Children in Need, and is now actively looking for re-employment. "I now have to try and find a job in the City," he says plaintively.

CAROL LEONARD

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- Review of strategy leads to creation of four functional divisions in UK.
- Sale of non-core activities continued.
- UK operating profits increased to £31m (1989 £30m).
- Recession affects overseas operating profits: £12m (1989 £15m).
- Strategic acquisitions made in UK, Eire, Germany and The Netherlands.
- Balance sheet one of great strength. Borrowing ratio 17.9% (1989 18.9%).
- Final dividend 6.5p per share payable 10 May. Total for year 9.5p (1989 9.5p).
- Current year will not be easy, but there is a feeling of optimism in the UK businesses.
- With exception of USA and Australia, profits to date ahead of those for last year.

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Dow dips in early trade

New York

BLUE chips were directionless in early trading, drifting in a narrow band from losses to gains and back. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.48 points at 2,952.72.

☐ **Frankfurt** – Shares fell 2.3 per cent in what most dealers said was a technical correction after last week's 5.6 per cent rise. The Dax index fell 36.51 points to 1,565.78. Some traders were worried about instability in eastern Europe.

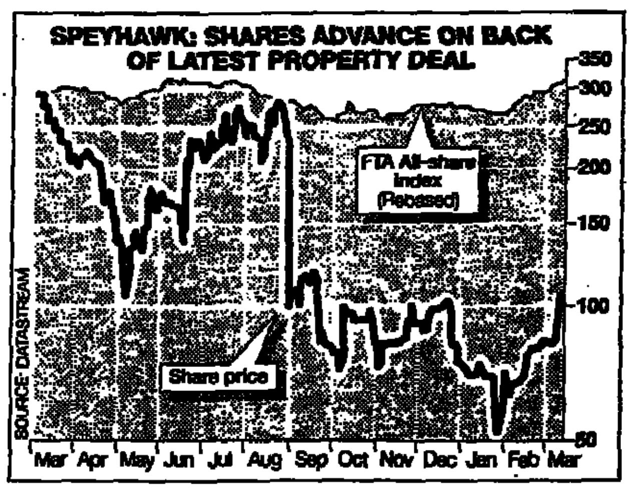
(Reuter)

	Mar 11 midday	Mar 8 close		Mar 11 midday	Mar 8 close		Mar 11 midday	Mar 8 close
Abbott Lab	48%	47%	Enron	64%	66	Oryx Enrgy	39	39%
Aetna Life	45%	45½	Entergy	23%	23%	Pac Ent	41%	41%
Ahmanson	17%	17	Ethyl	29%	29%	Pac Gas Elec	24%	24%
Air Prods	67%	68	Exxon	55%	55%	Pac Telesis	41%	42%
Albertsons	40%	40%	Fed NMA	45%	45%	Paccar	40	40%
Alcan Al	23%	22%	Fedrl Exprs	40%	40%	Pacificorp	21	21%
Alco Stand	32%	32%	Flt Norstar	17	17%	Pall	32	31%
Allied Signal	29%	30	Fluor	50%	51	Paramount	42%	42%
Alumr CA	67%	67%	FMC	37	37	Parker-Hanfn	27%	27%
Am Brands	46	46%	Ford Motor	33%	33%	Penney	54%	55%
Am Cyanmd	55%	55%	FPL	29%	29	Pennzoil	70%	70%
Am EPC	28%	28%	Fst Chicago	23%	23%	Pepsico	32%	32%
Am General	38%	38%	Fst Intrsta	34%	35	Pfizer	107%	107%
Am Home	57	57%	Fst Union	21%	21%	Philips Pet	27%	28%
Am Intl	94	93%	Gannett	39%	40%	Philips Elec	18%	18%
Am Medical	5%	5½	Gen Cinema	23%	24	Philip Morris	67%	67
Am Stores	77%	77%	Gen Elec	67%	69%	Phlps Dodge	67%	68%
Amax	26%	26%	Gen Mills	55%	54%	Pitney Bow	51%	51%
Amer Hess	49%	49%	Gen Motors	38%	39%	Plcr Dome	15%	15%
Ameritech	64%	64%	Gen RE	97%	96%	PNC Fncl	30%	30
Amex	26%	26%	Gen Signal	43%	43%	Pnhdle Estn	14%	14%
Amoco	53%	53%	Genentech	25%	25%	Polaroid	26%	26%
AMP	53%	53%	Genuine Pts	40%	40%	PPG Inds	52	52
AMR	58%	58%	Georgia-Pac	43%	44	Proctr Gmble	86	87
Anheuser-B	48%	47%	Gillette	78%	78%	Price	42%	43%
Apple Comp	63%	65	Goodrich	43%	43%	Primerica	31%	31%
Archer-Dan	22%	22%	Goodyear	24%	24%	Pub Service	26	26
Arkla	19%	19%	Grace	30%	30%	Quaker Oats	58%	56%
Armstrong	27	27	Greyhound	30	30%	Ralston Pur	54%	106%
Asarco	29%	29%	Gt Atlantic	54%	54%	Raychem	28%	29%
Ashland Oil	32%	33%	Gt Western	16%	16%	Raytheon	76%	77%
AT&T	33%	33	GTE	31%	31%	Reebok	24%	24%
Atlan Richfld	129%	129%	Halliburtn	52%	52%	Roadway	45%	45%
Auto DP	66	66%	Heinz	37%	37%	Rockwell	26%	26%
Avery Intl	24%	24%	Hercules	41%	41%	Rohm Haas	43%	43%
Avon Prod	42%	43%	Hershey Fd	39%	39%	Royal Dutch	n/a	n/a
Baltimore	27%	27%	Hewlett Pkd	48%	48%	Rubbermaid	45%	45%
Banc One	32%	33%	Hilton Htl	44%	45%	Rynlds Mtl	62%	63
Bankamerica	33	33%	Home Depot	51	50%	Safeco	39	39%
Bard	22%	22%	Homestake	17%	17%	Salomon	26%	26%
Barnett Bk	24%	24½	Honeywell	60%	61	Sant Fe Pac	7%	7%
Bausch Lmb	79%	79%	Houston Ind	35%	35%	Sara Lee	37%	37
Baxter Intl	32%	33	Hsehld Intl	47%	48	Schecorp	37%	37%
Bec Dickn	73%	73%	Humana	48%	48	Schlumbgr	63%	64%
Bell Atlan	48%	48%	IBM	129%	131	Schrg-Plgh	51%	51%
Bellsouth	51%	51½	IF&F	83%	85	Scott Papr	45%	44%
Bkr Hughes	28	28%	Illinois TW	55%	55%	Seagram	95%	94%
Black Decker	14%	14%	Inco	32	32%	Sears Rbk	32%	32
Block	49%	49%	Ingsol-Rand	52%	51%	Secrty Pac	27%	28%
Bnkrs Tst NY	46%	45%	Inland Steel	25	24%	Shrwn-Wlms	44%	45
Boeing	48%	49%	Intel	47%	51%	Skyline	16%	16%
Boise Casc	26%	27	Intl Paper	62%	62%	Snap-on Tls	31%	31%
Borden	34%	34%	ITT	56%	56%	Southern	27	28%
Brist-Myer	77%	76%	James River	26%	27	St Paul	67	66%
Brnwng-Fer	27	27%	Johnsn Jhsn	89	89%	Stanley Wk	35%	35%
Burl Nth	29%	29%	K Mart	39%	40%	Stone Cntr	15%	14%
CAI	9%	9%	Kellogg	83%	82%	Sun Co	33	34%
Campbell Sp	71%	71%	Kerr-McGee	45%	45%	Suntst Bk	26%	26%
Cap Cities	473%	480	Kimbly-Clrk	86%	87%	Super Valu	28%	28%
Carter HC	45%	45	Knight-Rdor	50%	50%	SW Bell	54	53%
Caroline	46%	46%	Lilly	83	82%	Syntex	76%	75%
Caterpillar	54%	54%	Limited	26	25%	Sysco	39%	39%
CBS	173	181%	Lin Brdcstg	64%	65	Tandem	15	15%
Central SW	41%	41%	Lincln Nat	50%	49%	Tandy	33%	33%
Champion	26%	26%	Litton Ind	83%	84%	Tele-comm	16%	16%
Chase Man	14%	16	Lockheed	42	41%	Teledyne	22%	22%
Chem Bnkg	17%	17%	Louis-Pac	32%	32	Temple-In	37%	37%
Chevron	75	75%	Manu Hano	25%	26%	Tenneco	49%	50
Chrysler	14%	14%	Marriott	18	18%	Texaco	64%	64%
Chubb	69%	69%	Marsh Mclen	80%	79%	Texas Inst	43%	44%
Cigna	48%	48%	Martin Mar	49%	49%	Texas Util	36%	36%
Citicorp	15%	15%	Masco	22%	22%	Textron	30%	30%
Clbrne Liz	45%	45%	May Dept	53%	54%	Time Wnr	111%	109
Clorox	39%	40	Maytag	13%	14	Times Mirr	29%	29%
Cmwlth Edis	39%	38%	MCA	n/a	n/a	Timken	27%	27%
CNA Fncl	85%	84	McDnl Doug	40%	40%	Torchmark	55%	55%
Coastal	32%	32%	McDonalds	33%	34	Toys R Us	27%	27%
Coca-Cola	52%	52%	McGraw-Hill	58%	58%	Transam	36%	38%
Colgate-Pal	74%	75	MCI Com	27%	27%	Travelers	23	22%
Columb Gas	44%	43%	Mead	28%	28%	Tribune	43%	43%
Compaq	69%	70%	Medtronic	116%	116%	TRW	41%	41%
Conagra	41%	41%	Melville	50%	50%	Tyco Lab	50%	51%
Cons Edis	23%	23%	Merck	106%	105%	UAL	147%	144%
Cons NG	49%	43%	Merll Lynch	31%	30%	Un Camp	42	42%
Cons Rail	47%	47%	MM&M	90%	91%	Un Carbide	20	20%
Cooper Ind	50%	50	Mobil	63%	64%	Un Pacific	74%	75%
Corning	58	59%	Monsanto	60%	61%	Unilever	87%	88%
CPC Intl	82%	82%	Moore	24%	23%	Unisys	6%	6%
Crown Cork	64%	63%	Morgan	43%	44%	Unocal	28%	28%
CSX	37	36%	Motorola	65%	64%	Upjohn	43%	43%
Dana	30%	29%	Nat Medical	46	45%	US West	38%	38%
Dayton-Hud	68	68%	Nat Semi	7%	7%	Usair Gp	22%	22%
Deere	51%	51%	Nat Service	26%	26%	USF&G	10%	9%
Delta Air	76	75%	Navistar	4	4	UST	42%	42%
Deluxe	37%	37%	NCNB	30%	30	USX	30%	30%
Detroit Ed	28%	28	NCR	96%	98%	Utd Tech	50%	50%
Digital Eq	80	81%	NED Bncp	35%	36%	Utd Telcm	25%	25%
Dillard	105%	105%	Newmnt Min	39%	39%	VF	26%	26
Disney	127%	127%	Niagr Mhwk	14%	14%	Wal-Mart	36%	36%
Dominion	45	44%	Nike	52%	51%	Walgreen	n/a	n/a
Donnelley	49%	48%	NL Indstrs	13%	13%	Waste Mgmt	42%	42%
Dover	42	41%	Nordstrom	33%	34	Wells Fargo	79%	80%
Dow Chem	52%	53	Norflk Sthn	44%	44%	Westg Elec	29%	29%
Dow Jones	26%	26%	Norwest	25%	25%	Weyerhsr	24%	24%
Dresser Ind	26%	26%	Nthn St Pwr	33%	33%	Whirlpool	27	27%
Du Pont	38%	38	Nthn Telcm	31%	31%	Whitman	23%	23%
Duke Pwr	27%	26%	NY Times	22%	23	Winn-Dixie	38%	38%
Dun Bradst	46%	45	Nynex	76	76	Woolworth	33%	33%
East Kodak	46%	45%	Occid Petrl	19%	19%	Wrigley	60	59%
Eaton	59%	59%	Ohio Edi	16%	17%	Wrnr-Lamb	77	77%
Emerson El	43	42%	Oracle Sys	6%	6%	Xerox	58%	58%

STOCK MARKET

Bank dashes expectations of imminent cut in rates

SPEYHAWK: SHARES ADVANCE ON BACK OF LATEST PROPERTY DEAL



SOURCE: DATASTREAM

THE Bank of England has nipped in the bud speculation that it is soon to follow the lead of the US Federal Reserve and signal a further softening of interest rates.

As a result, another assault on the London equity market's peak fell just short as early gains were whittled away. The FT-SE 100 index, up almost 25 points at one stage, ended the session 4.1 points higher at 2,459.1, just 4.6 shy of its record close of 2,463.7, achieved on January 3 last year. The FT index of 30 shares eased 2.5 to 1,956.2, as 534 million shares changed hands.

Although early gains were lost, the equity market delivered another resilient performance as the three-week Budget account got underway. Dealers claim another half-point cut would put new life back into share prices that are starting to look tired after their strong gains.

Early trading was depressed by a long list of leading companies going ex-dividend. These included ICI, down 40p at £10.38, **British Aerospace**, 22p lower at 638p, **Commercial Union**, 5p weaker at 628p and **Royal Insurance**, 10p cheaper at 472p.

The clearing banks also had three of their number in ex-dividend form. **Barclays Bank** fell 11p to 452p. **National Westminster Bank** 4p to 318p, while **Midland Bank** rose 1p to 198p on suggestions that the group is about to sell its Thomas Cook subsidiary for £200 million. **Lloyds Bank** fell 3p to 362p.

Government securities attracted little support, closing virtually unchanged at the longer end.

Full-year figures from Taylor Woodrow, the construction group, were in line with City forecasts. Pre-tax profits were down from £116.9 million to £83.4 million. The total dividend was increased by ½p to 9½p. The shares shrugged off an early fall to close 1p better at 272p.

Rival **George Wimpey**, reporting today, was 1p ahead at 200p. Pre-tax profits are expected to tumble from £134.7 million to £50 million.

On the grey market, shares of the two electricity generating companies have been trading at a healthy premium before the start of official dealings today. **National Power** closed at 126p on Friday against the part-paid offer price of 100p, while **PowerGen** stood at 119p. Attracted by yields, income funds were also buying shares in the electricity distributors. **Eastern** rose 5½p to 174p, **East Midland** 7p to 198p, **London** 4p to 189p, **Manweb** 3p to 222p, **Midland** 7p to 190p, **Northern** 4p to 203p, **Norweb** 6p to 199p, **Seeboard** 6p to 185p, **Southern** 8p to 188p, **South Wales** 5p to 217p, **South West** 10p to 199p, and **Yorkshire** 6½p to 208p. The electricity package jumped £58 to £1,948.

Last week's confirmation that **Speyhawk** is to lease part of its Cannon Street development to the London International Financial Futures Exchange and the London Traded Options Market, which are due to merge this year, lifted the shares another 16p to 109p. The Speyhawk preference shares rose 13p to 39p. In August, the shares fell almost 80p after the group announced that bid talks with the Nordstjernan, of Sweden, had broken down.

There were gains for other highly geared property developers, with **Rosehaugh** 11p better at 102p and **Stanhope** 14p to 113p.

WPP, the debt-laden advertising agency headed by Martin Sorrell, advanced a further 37p to 192p, as the market awaits the outcome of talks with its bankers about a refinancing.

ICI has disposed of its 8.45 per cent holding in MTM, the specialist chemicals group. The 7.48 million shares were placed with more than 20 institutions at 201p, raising £15 million. The move had been expected. MTM was unchanged at 206p.

Persistent talk of a bid lifted **Kleinwort Benson**, the merchant bank and securities house, 10p to 371p. Speculators believe that Banque Indosuez, of France, may make a bid for Kleinwort. An offer for Kleinwort's securities arm cannot be ruled out. Last year, the division made a trading loss of £34 million after buying Burmah's near-30 per cent stake in **Premier Consolidated Oilfields** at 98p a share. Premier closed at 58p yesterday.

Securiguard, the security to industrial cleaning and services group, rose 10p to 129p. The shares have risen 30p in the past week. Alan Baldwin, the chairman, says the buying has been led by private investors. Last year, pre-tax profits tumbled after the group announced two profit warnings.

Next fell 5p to 27½p as hopes of an outright bid for the company faded. The battle for control of its Grattan mail order business remains closely contested, with Otto-Versand's recommended offer of £151 million £4 million below that of rival bidder Sears. Shareholders decide at a meeting tomorrow.

Memec, the electronics distributor, is holding talks expected to lead to an offer of 270p a share for the company, valuing Memec at £54.6 million. The shares rose 62p to 262p on the news. Memec also reported an increase in pre-tax profits from £6 million to £8.53 million. News of the expected offer lifted rivals **Diploma** 10p to 250p, **Unitech** 10p to 238p and **Tunstall** 10p to 149p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Fujitsu buys Fulcrum division stake

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FUJITSU, the Japanese computers, electronics and telecommunications group, is taking majority control of British Telecom's manufacturing operation, the products division of Fulcrum Communications.

Fulcrum's products division, which grew out of the General Post Office factories division, is based in Birmingham and employs 620 people. Fujitsu will hold a 74.9 per cent stake in the products division. British Telecom will retain the service business.

Last May, Fujitsu set up a research and development centre in London to develop products for European telecommunications markets. Its first British factory, a £400 million plant to manufacture microprocessors, will open at Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, this year.

Fujitsu also has two plants in Dublin making parts for printing machines and electronic components. The deal takes BT closer to its goal of withdrawing from manufacturing to concentrate on its core business of operating telephone networks. However, it has yet to sell its 51 per cent stake in Mitel, the Canadian telephone manufacturing company.

The Blue Arrow trial

Berry 'spent £25m without approval'

TONY Berry, the former Blue Arrow chairman, who allegedly took part in moves to rescue his company's record £837 million rights issue, decided to spend millions of pounds without telling his finance director, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

One decision, involving £25 million and the participation of the businessman Peter de Savary, was taken without the board's approval, Nicholas Fazakerley, then finance director, told the Blue Arrow trial.

Mr Fazakerley, a prosecution witness, told Anthony Hooper, QC, defence counsel, that minutes had inaccurately recorded him attending meetings at which those decisions were taken. Mr Hooper, representing David Reed, a former County NatWest director and one of the defendants, asked him: "So there are two meetings when apparently, if your evidence is right, very important decisions were made in which you were not involved?" Mr Fazakerley said: "I am saying that quite categorically."

Mr Hooper suggested that that gave an insight into how Mr Berry ran his company and Mr Fazakerley replied that those had been "exceptional circumstances". Mr Hooper then asked: "He would make, would he not, major decisions and not necessarily communicate them?"

Mr Fazakerley agreed. "That certainly appeared to be becoming the case towards the end of his role as chief executive."

County, its parent, County NatWest Investment Bank, Phillips & Drew, the broker, and seven professional advisers deny conspiring to mislead the market over the outcome of the 1987 rights issue.

The trial continues.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,178	Cadbury	827	L&G	465	Royal Bnk	1,177
Allo-Lyons	1,582	CU	711	Lloyds	1,418	Royal Ins	3,180
Anglian	540	Courtaulds	266	Lonrho	1,077	Sainsbury	2,385
ASDA	3,227	Dalgety	286	Lucas	1,998	Scot & N	1,322
AB Foods	76	Enterprise	103	M&S	4,617	Sears	2,345
Argyll	2,289	Eurotunnel	584	Maxwell Cm	1,216	Severn Trnt	1,169
BAA	801	Fisons	3,771	MEPC	145	Shell	2,589
BET	1,265	Gen Acc	239	Midland	3,845	Smith & N	42,494
BTR	5,254	GEC	2,373	Nat West	5,592	SK Beech	1,355
BAT	1,812	Glaxo	2,270	N W Water	236	Sun Alnce	1,403
Barclays	6,413	Grand Met	5,386	P&O	726	Tarmac	827
Bass	841	GUS 'A'	157	Pearson	574	Tate Lyle	1,962
BICC	827	GRE	2,105	Pilkington	747	TSB	3,217
Bk Scotlnd	1,597	GKN	1,159	Prudential	6,874	Tesco	2,963
Blue Circle	375	Guinness	1,349	Racal	2,321	Thames Wtr	1,032
BOC	1,103	Hamm 'A'	267	Rk Hovis	1,463	Thorn EMI	233
Boots	1,080	Hanson	5,840	Rank	1,199	Trafalgar	1,188
Br Aero	1,787	H & C	1,245	R&C	457	THF	2,602
Br Airways	714	Hawker	366	Redland	236	Ultramar	217
Br Gas	12,236	Hillsdown	4,128	Reed	504	Unilever	737
Br Petrol	5,256	ICI	2,199	Reuters	1,154	Utd Bis	737
Br Steel	1,909	Kingfisher	767	RMC Gp	362	Wellcome	493
Br Telecm	5,667	Lasmo	444	RTZ	1,346	Whitbrd	639
Burmah Cst	143	Ladbroke	5,769	R-Royce	5,022	Wgn Teape	812
C&W	2,127	Land Sec	716	Rothmn 'B'	120	Wills Cor	1,534

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES			
Atlantis Resources	37	MMEC	3½
Aberforth Smlr (100p)	116	MMI (20p)	23½ +1
Brabant Res (155p)	134	Malaysia Capital	£7⅛ +¼
CMW Group (30p)	25	Midland Radio	96 +1
Castle Cairn (50p)	38 +1	Pelican Gp (50p)	24
EFM Java Tst (50p)	36	Proteus Intl (84p)	100 +2
East German Inv	119 +1	Seton Healthcare	165
Eidos (100p)	63	Smaller IT	82 +3½
Elonbrook	67	Stand Platform (225p)	171 +3
Europe Energy	14	Tr Euro Gwth (100p)	100 +1
Faber Prest (175p)	129	Trio Inv Tst	44
Foreign & Col	50 +½	Utd Uniform	88
Highcroft Inv	165 +5	Unichem (100p)	148
Invergordon (135p)	157 +1	Wig Tpe App	227 –1
Levercrest (108p)	66 +4		

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 4	March 15	June 13	June 24

Call options were taken out on: 11/3/91 Allied Irish Bank, Amstrad, Aztec, BSR, Aviva, Barratt Dev, Brent Walker, Cannon St Inv, Conroy Pet, Control Sec, Doctus, Eurotunnel Wts, Ford Seller Morris, Gaelic Res, Goodwin, Kleinwort Benson, LIT, Lopex, Midland Bank, More O'Ferrall, Monument Oil & Gas, Next, Oceonics, Oliver Res, PFG Hodgson, Plaxton, Proteus, Rentokil, Rosehaugh, St Ives, S&U, Saatchi, Siebe, Sterling Trust, Tullow Oil, Tusker Res, Unigroup.

Puts: Egerton Trust, Flextech, Rentokil.

Put & Call: Saatchi & Saatchi.

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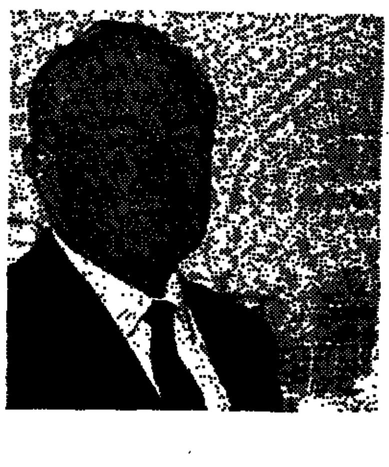

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PRELIMINARY RESULTS
(unaudited)

	1990	1989
Turnover	£1,411.6m	£1,285.4m
Profit before tax	£83.4m	£116.9m
Earnings per share	16.8p	23.7p
Dividends per share	9.5p	9.0p

This statement does not constitute the audited statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 1990, which will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies following the Company's Annual General Meeting. The statutory accounts for 1989 on which the Auditors gave an unqualified report, have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

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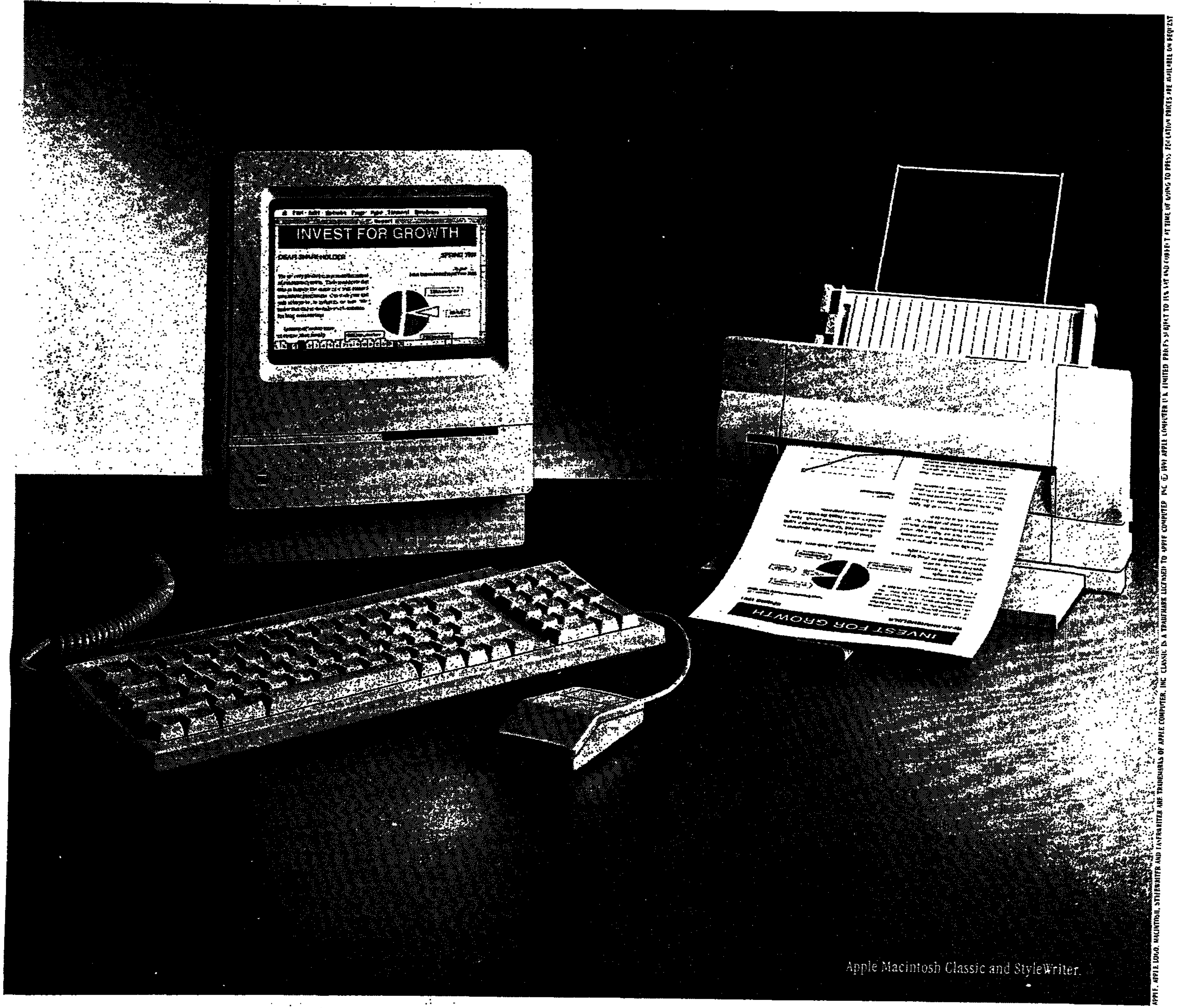

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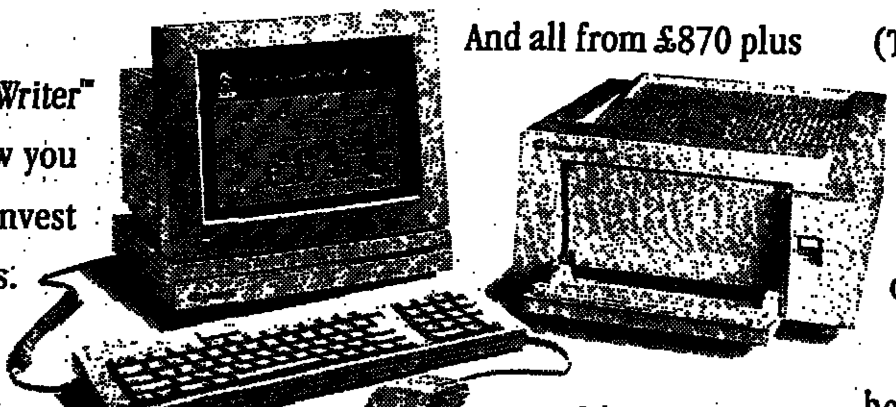

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
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MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 93.4 (day's range 93.5-93.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Mar 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8505-1.8645	1.8505-1.8515	1.03-1.01pr	2.60-2.58pr
Montrl	2.1373-2.1685	2.1373-2.1413	0.58-0.53pr	1.01-0.91pr
Amstrdm	3.2920-3.3049	3.2920-3.2957	1¼-1pr	2¾-2½pr
Brussels	60.12-60.39	60.12-60.34	20-17pr	46-42pr
Copnhgn	11.2177-11.2728	11.2177-11.2423	2½-2⅛pr	6¾-5¾pr
Dublin	1.0972-1.0986	1.0976-1.0986	24-18pr	5¾-4pr
Frankft	2.9225-2.9312	2.9225-2.9259	1⅛-⅞pr	2¾-2½pr
Lisbon	253.33-255.06	253.33-254.40	6-17ds	104-128ds
Madrid	181.35-182.51	181.35-182.00	2½-9ds	74-82ds
Milan	2181.28-2192.19	2181.28-2186.16	1pr-1ds	1-2ds
Oslo	11.3824-11.4518	11.3824-11.4071	2¾-1¾pr	4¾-4pr
Paris	9.9372-9.9878	9.9372-9.9518	3⅞-3pr	7¾-6⅞pr
Stckhlm	10.7844-10.8290	10.7844-10.7867	⅞-⅜pr	1⅛-⅜pr
Tokyo	255.55-256.65	255.55-255.85	1-⅞pr	2⅝-2½pr
Vienna	20.54-20.62	20.54-20.57	7⅝-6⅞pr	17¾-15½pr
Zurich	2.5343-2.5578	2.5343-2.5375	1⅛-⅞pr	2⅝-2⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17235.7-17277.5
Australia dollar	2.4198-2.4234
Bahrain dinar	n/a
Brazil cruzeiro *	420.49-420.97
Cyprus pound	0.8225-0.8325
Finland markka	7.0025-7.0825
Greece drachma	313.90-317.10
Hong Kong dollar	14.4734-14.4832
India rupee	35.21-35.61
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	5.0742-5.0789
Mexico peso	5500-5600
New Zealand dollar	3.1079-3.1149
Saudi Arabia riyal	n/a
Singapore dollar	3.2436-3.2473
S Africa rand (fin)	5.9392-6.0391
S Africa rand (com)	4.8504-4.8587
U A E dirham	n/a

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6830-1.6845
Singapore	1.7467-1.7477
Malaysia	2.7325-2.7335
Australia	1.3031-1.3042
Canada	1.1574-1.1579
Sweden	5.8050-5.8100
Norway	6.1475-6.1525
Denmark	6.0475-6.0525
W Germany	1.5760-1.5770
Switzerland	1.3680-1.3687
Netherlands	1.7750-1.7760
France	5.3800-5.3850
Japan	137.80-137.90
Italy	1175.5-1176.5
Belgium (Com)	32.41-32.45
Hong Kong	7.7940-7.7950
Portugal	136.65-136.85
Spain	98.00-98.10
Austria	11.07-11.09

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1990 Agreed rates Jan 28, 1991 to Feb 25, 1991 Scheme I: 14.54%, Schemes II & III: 15.09%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1990 to Dec 31, 1990 Scheme IV & V: 13.843%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 14

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 13 Low 12½ Week fixed: 12½

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 11 13/16; 3 mth 11 11/16. Sell: 2 mth 11 23/32; 3 mth: 11 9/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	12 15/32-12 13/32	12-11 15/16	11⅞-11 11/16	11½-11 7/16	
Trade Bills (Dis):	13 3/32	12¾	12½	11⅞	
Interbank:	12⅞-12 11/16	12 7/16-12⅜	12 9/32-1/16	11 27/32-11¾	11⅞-11½
(Overnight: open 12⅞, close 15.					
Local Authority Deps:	12 11/16	n/a	12 5/16	11⅞	11⅝
Sterling CDs:	12⅞-12¾	12½-12⅜	12 5/16-3/16	11⅞-11¾	11½-11⅜
Dollar CDs:	6.50-6.45	6.50-6.45	6.50-6.45	6.50-6.45	6.92-6.87
Building Society CDs:	13-12⅞	12 11/16-12 9/16	12⅜-12 7/16	12 1/16-12	11⅝-11½

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5⅞	6⅛-6 5/16	6 5/16-6⅝	6⅝-6 7/16	6⅛-5⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8¾	9-8⅞	9-8⅞	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	9¼-9	9 5/16-9 3/16	9⅜-9¼	9 5/16-9 7/16	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	8 5/16-8 1/16	8-7⅞	8-7
Yen:	8⅛-8	8⅛-8⅛	8 3/16-8 1/16	7⅞-7⅝	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $370.00-370.50 Close: $368.50-369.00 High: $370.00-370.50 Low: $365.85-366.35 Krugerrand: $367.50-368.50 (£197.50-198.50)

Sovereigns: Old $92.00-93.00 (£48.75-49.75) New $87.00-88.00 (£46.00-47.00)

Platinum: $416.10 (£223.95) Silver: $4.15 (£2.225) Palladium: $88.25 (£47.45)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 31154	Mar 91	2456.0	2480.0	2456.0	2459.0	5797
	Jun 91	2504.0	2528.0	2500.0	2500.0	1108
	Sep 91				2537.5	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 148285	Mar 91	87.71	87.78	87.70	87.75	12908
	Jun 91	88.87	88.94	88.86	88.87	20593
	Sep 91	89.36	89.41	89.36	89.37	2235
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 45200	Mar 91	93.39	93.41	93.39	93.41	2052
	Jun 91	93.38	93.42	93.37	93.40	3318
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 100256	Mar 91	90.93	90.96	90.93	90.94	2182
	Jun 91	91.10	91.12	91.07	91.08	3980
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 5376	Mar 91	94-30	95-10	94-30	95-06	45
	Jun 91	94-05	94-20	94-05	94-13	1743
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 34437	Mar 91	91-28	92-07	91-27	91-25	300
	Jun 91	92-14	92-20	92-05	92-07	12272
Japanese Govt Bond Previous open interest: 318	Jun 91	95.65	95.74	95.56	95.74	42
	Jun 91					0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 86187	Jun 91	85.69	85.81	85.55	85.63	41882
	Sep 91	85.95	85.99	85.90	85.49	138
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2910	Mar 91	90.60	90.60	90.60	90.57	10
	Jun 91	90.77	90.85	90.77	90.83	124

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Mar	645-641	Mar	528-526	May	203.6-03.0
May	669-668	May	551-550	Aug	202.0-00.4
Jul	697-696	Jul	586-585	Oct	196.8-95.0
Sep	717-716	Sep	584-582	Dec	202.0-99.0
Dec	742-741	Nov	599 BID	Mar	186.6-85.0
Mar	769-767	Jan	614-611	May	186.6-85.0
May	790-786	Mar	628-610		
	Vol: 5790		Vol: 1773		Vol: 1390

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Mar	128.95	Mar	118.15	Apr	119.5-18.5
May	131.90	May	121.40	Jun	116.5-15.5
Jul	134.05	Sep	106.70	Aug	119.0-18.0
Sep	110.90	Nov	110.60	Oct	123.0-22.0
Nov	113.10	Jan	113.65	Dec	127.5-25.0
Vol:	280	Vol:	8	Vol:	150

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

	Open	Close
Apr (£/tonne)	131.0	128.8
May	166.5	162.5

Volume: 127

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	87.63	166.05	108.61
(+/-)	+1.12	*+14.24	-0.03
Eng/Wales:	87.61	166.55	108.35
(+/-)	+1.07	+14.54	-0.24
(%)	-7.8	-28.4	-25.2
Scotland:	85.06	164.21	110.23
(+/-)	+2.46	+13.06	+1.22
(%)	-11.9	-38.7	-8.2

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (p/kg)

	Mar	Apr	May
Open:	unq	unq	unq
Close:	113.5	111.4	110.5

Volume: 28

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
			Vol:418975
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1299.0-1299.5	1310.0-1311.0	80325
Lead (£/tonne)	327.50-328.00	338.00-338.50	82675
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1197.0-1198.0	1197.0-1198.0	8515
Tin ($/tonne)	5655-5580	5655-5660	414325
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1516.0-1517.0	1548.0-1549.0	12816
Nickel ($/tonne)	8520.0-8530.0	8500.0-8501.0	

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Whilst Opec discussed future out-put, oil prices drifted lower on negative anticipation.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.55	-0.55
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.50	-0.40
Brent 15 day (May)	17.80	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	19.05	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.70	-0.55

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	245 (-2)	250 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	170 (-6)	173 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Mar	171 (-4)	175 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Apr	166 (-4)	169 (-4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (-1)	71 (-1)
Naphtha	204 (-11)	209 (-11)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Mar	171.50-71.00	Jul	156.00 SLR
Apr	162.00-61.75	Aug	159.00 BID
May	157.25-57.00	Sep	159.00 BID
Jun	156.50-56.00		Vol: 8597

BRENT

Mar	19.75-19.85	May	17.80-17.85
Apr	18.45-18.55		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 91	1716	1710	1715
Apr 91	1582	1535	1550
Jul 91	1165	1160	1167
Oct 91	1265	1255	1264

Vol: 190 lots Open interest: 4243

Dry cargo index 1763 same

FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Mar	154.3	155.3
Apr	155.0	155.8
May	154.8	155.9

Vol: 465

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares lose early gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end March 28. §Contango day April 2. Settlement day April 8.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Br Mohair	Textiles	
2	Kingfisher	Drapery,Stores	
3	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
4	Rugby Group	Building,Roads	
5	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
6	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
7	Parkland 'A'	Textiles	
8	Barr (AG)	Foods	
9	ASW	Industrials A-D	
10	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
11	Reed Int	Newspapers,Pub	
12	Eurotherm	Electricals	
13	Hall Eng	Industrials E-K	
14	Prestec	Electricals	
15	South West	Water	
16	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
17	Sthn Water	Water	
18	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
19	TVS	Leisure	
20	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
21	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
22	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	CIA Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
24	ECC Group	Industrials E-K	
25	Alexandra W'wear	Industrials A-D	
26	Delta	Electricals	
27	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
28	News Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
29	P & P	Electricals	
30	Hammerson	Property	
31	Racal Telecom	Electricals	
32	Fletcher King	Property	
33	Ferguson Intl	Paper,Print,Adv	
34	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
35	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
36	Fisons	Industrials E-K	
37	Christie	Property	
38	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
39	Photo-Me	Industrials L-R	
40	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
41	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
42	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
43	Hillsdown	Foods	
44	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

The winner of the £2,000 weekly Portfolio prize is Elizabeth Leagy, of Bishopstone, East Sussex.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
96⅞	89⅞	Treas	3% 1991	96⅞	..	3.0	9.819
99⅛	90⅞	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	99⅛	● ..	5.77	10.958
97⅞	87⅞	Treas	8% 1991	97⅞	..	8.1	11.010
99⅞	94⅞	Treas C	10% 1991	99⅞	..	10.0	11.791
99⅞	89⅞	Exch	11% 1991	99⅞	..	11.0	11.276
99⅞	92⅞	Treas	11¾% 1991	99⅞	..	0.00	0.000
93⅞	82⅞	Treas	3% 1992	93⅞	+⅛	3.2	8.766
97⅞	85⅞	Treas	8% 1992	97⅞	● ..	8.2	10.777
99⅞	90⅞	Treas	10% 1992	99⅞	..	10.0	10.880
99⅞	88⅞	Treas C	10½% 1992	99⅞	..	10.5	10.762
102⅞	92	Exch	12¼% 1992	102⅞	..	11.9	10.858
101⅞	93⅞	Treas	12¾% 1992	101⅞	..	12.5	10.598
104	95⅞	Exch	13½% 1992	104	● ..	12.9	10.545
92⅞	81⅞	Fund	6% 1993	92⅞	● ..	6.4	9.254
96⅞	86⅞	Treas	8¼% 1993	96⅞	..	8.5	10.209
99⅞	87	Treas	10% 1993	99⅞	●+⅛	10.0	10.272
104⅞	93⅞	Treas	12½% 1993	104⅞	+⅛	11.9	10.248
108⅞	94	Treas	13¾% 1993	108	+⅛	12.7	10.261
95⅞	84⅞	Treas	8½% 1994	95⅞	+⅛	8.8	10.177
96⅞	82⅞	Treas	9% 1994	96⅞	+⅛	9.3	10.083
99⅞	94	Treas	10% 1994	99⅞	+⅛	10.0	10.064
106⅞	94⅞	Exch	12½% 1994	106⅞	+⅛	11.7	10.139
109	94⅞	Exch	13½% 1994	106⅞	+⅛	12.4	10.155
111⅞	98⅞	Treas	14½% 1994	111	+⅛	13.0	10.085
87	72⅞	Gas	3% 1990-95	84⅞	+⅛	4.0	10.765
100⅞	89	Exch	10¼% 1995	100⅞	+⅛	10.1	10.073
106⅞	94⅞	Treas	12% 1995	106	+⅛	11.3	10.079
109⅞	94⅞	Treas	12¾% 1995	109⅞	+⅛	11.6	10.085

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
96⅞	82⅞	Treas	9% 1992-96	96⅞	●+⅛	9.3	9.825
100	83⅞	Conv	10% 1996	99⅞	+⅛	10.0	10.095
112⅞	98	Exch	13¼% 1996	111⅞	+⅛	11.8	10.285
113⅞	100⅞	Treas	14% 1996	113⅞	+⅛	12.3	10.456
118⅞	102⅞	Treas	15¼% 1996	118⅞	+⅛	12.8	10.348
94⅞	79⅞	Treas	8¾% 1997	93⅞	+⅛	9.3	10.053
102⅞	87⅞	Exch	10½% 1997	101⅞	+⅛	10.3	10.140
113⅞	98⅞	Treas	13¼% 1997	112⅞	+⅛	11.7	10.290
122⅞	106⅞	Exch	15% 1997	121⅞	..	12.3	10.434
85⅞	69	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	84⅞	..	7.94	9.712
98⅞	83⅞	Exch	9¾% 1998	98	+⅛	9.9	10.139
109⅞	89⅞	Exch	12% 1998	109⅞	..	11.0	10.287
127⅞	107⅞	Treas	15½% 1998	126⅞	●+⅛	12.2	10.336
97⅞	82	Treas	9½% 1999	98⅞	..	9.7	10.058
101⅞	81⅞	Conv	10¼% 1999	100⅞	..	10.2	10.216
102⅞	84⅞	Treas	10½% 1999	101⅞	..	10.3	10.180
111⅞	94⅞	Exch	12¼% 1999	110⅞	● ..	11.0	10.304
94⅞	78⅞	Conv	9% 2000	94	..	9.5	10.025
116⅞	95⅞	Treas	13% 2000	115⅞	..	11.2	10.369
100⅞	82⅞	Treas	10% 2001	99	..	10.0	10.144
118⅞	97⅞	Treas	14% 1998-01	117⅞	..	11.9	10.465
98⅞	81⅞	Treas	9¾% 2002	97⅞	-⅛	10.0	10.165
100⅞	82⅞	Treas	10% 2003	99	● ..	10.1	10.151
118⅞	102	Treas	13¾% 2000-03	117⅞	..	0.00	0.000
58⅞	45⅞	Fund	3½% 1999-04	57⅞	..	6.1	9.163
97	79⅞	Conv	9½% 2004	95⅞	..	9.9	10.120
108⅞	90⅞	Treas	11½% 2001-04	107	● ..	10.7	10.347
97⅞	79⅞	Conv	9½% 2005	95⅞	-⅛	9.9	10.096
118⅞	95⅞	Treas	12½% 2003-05	116⅞	..	10.7	10.211

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
85⅞	69⅞	Treas	8% 2002-06	84	● ..	9.53	10.059
90	73⅞	Treas	8¾% 2007	89⅞	..	9.5	9.924
112⅞	93⅞	Treas	11¾% 2003-07	110⅞	..	10.6	10.184
94⅞	77⅞	Treas	9% 2008	93⅞	● ..	9.6	9.811
125⅞	105⅞	Treas	13½% 2004-08	123⅞	● ..	10.9	10.179
85⅞	69⅞	Treas	8% 2009	84⅞	●-⅛	9.4	9.651
94⅞	77⅞	Conv	9% 2011	92⅞	-⅛	9.7	9.838
63⅞	50⅞	Treas	5½% 2008-12	62⅞	● ..	8.8	9.784
82⅞	67⅞	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	81	-⅛	9.5	9.852
121⅞	98⅞	Exch	12% 2013-17	119⅞	..	10.0	9.857

UNDATED

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
25⅞	20⅞	Consols	2½%	24⅞	● ..	..	—
61⅞	54⅞	Conv	3½%	58⅞	● ..	6.0	—
41	33⅞	Consols	4%	39⅞	..	..	—
25⅞	20⅞	Treas	2½%	24⅞	● ..	..	—
32⅞	22⅞	Treas	3%	29⅞	● ..	..	—
36⅞	28⅞	War Ln	3½%	35⅞	..	9.9	—

INDEX-LINKED

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge
127⅞	110	Treas IL	2% 1992	127	●
117	103⅞	Treas IL	2% 1994	117	
171⅞	150⅞	Treas IL	2% 1996	170⅞	●
140⅞	123⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2001	139⅞	●
136⅞	119⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2003	135⅞	
137⅞	122	Treas IL	2% 2006	137⅞	
127	113⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2009	126⅞	
131⅞	117⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2011	130⅞	
108⅞	97⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2013	107⅞	
116⅞	105⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2016	115⅞	●+⅛
112⅞	102⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2020	111⅞	
95⅞	86	Treas IL	2⅜% 2024	93⅞	

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
279	173	Abbey National	200	203 ●	-3½	12.7	4.8	9.1
282	135	Allied Irish	179	185	+2	—	—	—
63	41	Arabuthnot (Henry)	39	43	—	3.3	8.0	11.8
303	121	Aus Nzw Z	130	134	+4	—	—	—
10⅞	8⅞	Bancamerica	17⅞		● -⅛	—	—	—
286	130	Bank of Ireland	198	207	+4	—b	—	—
19⅞	19⅞	Bank Leumi Israel	18	21	—	—	—	—
350	334⅞	Bank Leumi UK	340	360 ●	—	21.3	6.1	5.9
142	100	Bank Of Scotland	139	142	+2⅞	8.8	4.8	9.9
54	39	Bank Of Wales	38	45	—	3.7	8.8	19.4
468	290	Barclays	449	453 ●	—	28.2	6.3	16.3
22	9	Benchmark	8	10	—	1.0	11.1	—
335	195	Brown Shipley	230	238	+5	10.7	4.6	7.8
103	12⅞	Cattles	15	16⅞	—	—	—	2.3
458	365	Cater Allen	453	460	—	33.5	7.3	11.5
73	50	Caxton	71	74	+2	4.9	6.7	11.1
177	29	Chancery	—		—	—	—	—
21⅞	5⅞	Chase Manhattan	9		-⅛	—	—	—
16⅞	5⅞	Citicorp	8⅞		+1	—	—	—
253	200	Close Bros	240	250	-1⅞	10.9	4.4	12.8
120⅞	70	Commerzbank	90⅞		r -3⅞	—	—	—
313⅞	189⅞	Deutsche Bank	221⅞		-2	—	—	—
345	152	First Nat Fin	198	300	—	17.3	8.7	10.8
25	14	GPG	21	25	—	—	—	—
340	282	Gerrard Nat	335	343	—	29.3	8.8	15.2
154	63	Guinness Mahon	50	55	—	1.9	3.8	—
328	195	Hambros	294	298	+5	15.9	5.4	8.6
56⅞	29	HK Shanghai	37⅞	39⅞ ●	-⅛	—	—	—
478	373	Joseph (Leopold)	400	425	—	21.1	5.1	12.8
150	105	King & Shaxson	137	142	—	13.7	8.8	12.2
452	249	Kleinwort Benson	358	373	+10	21.3	5.7	9.4
377	222	Lloyds	355	358 ●	-5	20.4	5.7	14.9
57	44	Lon Scot Bk	55	58 ●	—	3.7	6.5	10.6
401	150	Midland	185	189 ●	+2⅞	12.0	8.1	—
326	203	Nat Aust Bk	242	246	+5	—	—	—
388	227	Nat West	315	318 ●	-3⅞	23.3	7.4	24.4
433	352	Provident	480	485 ●	+3	31.3	6.5	10.1

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
51	24	Rea Bros	32	35	+1	0.7	2.1	18.5
224	119	Ryl Bk Scot	198	201	+1	11.2	5.6	9.4
902	613	Schroders	763	785	+11	22.2	2.9	10.5
815	205	Stand Chart	325	332	+11	40.7	14.2	—
182	114	TSB	155	157 ●	+⅛	8.5	5.4	11.6
611	400	Union Disc	570	578 ●	—	40.7	8.1	22.3
525	264	Warburg SG	447	450	+13	20.0	4.5	7.8
179	50	Do 6% 'A'	147	150 ●	+6	8.0	5.4	—
50⅞	21⅞	Wells Fargo	43⅞		-⅛	—	—	—
279	126	Westpac	159	163	+1	—	—	—
420	286	Wintrust	345	355 ●	+5	11.9	3.4	9.5

BREWERIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
582	438	Allied-Lyons	544	547	+6	23.4	4.3	11.4
11⅞	886	Bass	10⅞	10⅞	—	43.2	4.1	10.7
170	124	Boddington	153	157	+1	7.2	4.8	18.8
218	161	Bulmer (H P)	212	220	..	10.8	4.9	18.2
227	105	Burtonwood Brew	133	142	+2	5.3	3.8	12.9
410	290	Clark (Matthew)	380	387 ●	—	18.0	4.8	13.7
288	115	Devenish (JA)	160	167	+1	7.1	4.3	12.1
115	45	Fosters Brewing Gp	53	55 ●	—	—	—	—
771	521	Grand Met	770	772 ●	+23	27.2	3.5	13.9
388	274	Greenall Wht	330	337	+1	13.8	4.0	12.9
425	313	Greene King	417	425	-1	13.6	3.2	15.0
886	620	Guinness	850	857	+4	21.7	2.5	16.0
988	870⅞	Hardys & Hansons	980	975	+3	44.7	4.8	11.9
270	192	Highland Distl	268	274	+4	8.4	2.4	20.5
157	120	Invergordon Distl	155	158	+1	8.7	4.9	13.9
480	375	Mansfield	445	455	..	15.3	3.4	11.7
222	180	Marston Thompson	208	212	+1	5.8	2.7	17.0
808	240	Morland	285	308	+10	8.6	2.9	14.8
780	493	SA Breweries	750	770	—	—	—	—
409	278	Scot & New	400	402	-1	18.2	4.5	14.4
329	174	Vaux Group	241	249	—	11.7	4.8	12.7
498	380	Whitbread 'A'	488	498	-1	20.4	4.2	13.6
14⅞	11⅞	Do 'B'	13	13⅞	—	20.4	1.5	37.3
465	332	Wolverhampton & D	450	460	—	12.4	2.7	12.8
495	380	Young 'A'	410	425	—	16.0	3.8	19.9

BUILDING, ROADS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
130	40	Abbey	78	80	+2	—e	—	—
271	180	Amec	267	273	+1	13.0	4.8	7.9
132	17	Anglia Sec	55	58	+2	—	—	—
155	73	Arncliffe	99	105	—	9.0	9.2	2.5
531	182	Attwoods	235	240	+2	6.3	2.8	20.7
258	180	BPB Ind	237	242	+1	15.0	6.3	10.3
144	69	Baggeridge Brick	97	104	+1	4.2	4.2	11.9
71	25	Bailey (Ben) Constr	37	42	+1	1.5	3.8	4.2
185	67	Beazer Group	140	143 ●	—	5.1	3.6	15.0
215	57	Barratt Devs	102	105	+4	12.0	11.5	11.0
176	82	Beazer PLC	152	155	-3	10.3	6.7	8.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
131	62	EMC	73	76 ●	—	1.3	1.7	20.3
349	178	Electrocomponents	245	252	+3	8.1	3.3	14.3
69	63	Esc Data Process	95	103 ●	+6	4.0	4.0	6.2
119	17	Electron House	35	39 ●	+1	2.8b	7.8	4.4
98	30	Emess	39	43 ●	-1	4.7	11.5	4.6
301	178	Eurotherm	268	270 ●	+6	9.4	3.5	14.0
93	35	FKI	66	60	+⅛	5.3	9.0	5.6
205	143	Farnell Elect	202	207	+1	6.9	3.4	14.5
48	9	Ferranti	16	18	+1	—e	—	—
100	5	Ferrati Hldgs	3	6	—	—	—	0.8
500	50	First Tech	78	80	-2	4.0	5.2	2.8
51	10	Forward Tech	15	16	—	—	—	3.4
244	166	GEC	214	215 ●	—	12.3	5.7	10.6
715	435	Halland Simon	500	520	+15	8.7	1.7	13.8
485	245	Hoskyns Gp	370	380 ●	+1	3.2	0.9	28.5
235	180	Jones Stroud	185	210 ●	—	10.7	5.3	9.4
39	20	Kambray	18	22	—	—	—	—
145	110	Kode	110	115	—	10.0	8.8	—
340	270	Lec Refrigeration	280	280	—	19.3	7.1	32.3
72	43	Lalex	68	72	—	1.3	1.9	15.2
115	74	Life Sciences	105	108	-2	3.9	3.8	14.1
268	141	Logica	213	220	+3	4.5	2.1	19.1
313	223	Macro 4	286	290 ●	+4	12.0	4.4	13.1
287⅞	145	Mamec	257	267	+32	8.2	3.1	18.9
277	118	Microfilm Repro	148	153 ●	-1	4.3	2.9	18.5
13⅞	448	Micro Focus	12⅞	13	—	—	—	32.7
174	105	Microgen	170	175 ●	—	9.3	5.4	13.0
12	1⅞	Millicom	2⅞		+⅛	—	—	—
377	62	Mitel	97	104 r	+1	7.0	6.9	4.4
183	44	Mitel	74		+1	—	—	—
28⅞	8⅞	Molex	15		+⅛	—	—	—
112	70	Molynx	98	102	—	4.7	4.7	7.6
78	34	Multitone Elect	50	59	—	2.3	4.4	13.2
68	52	Murray Electr	51	53	—	—	—	—
59⅞	34⅞	Nynex	40⅞		+⅛	—	—	—
180	65	Newmark (Louis)	70	80	—	—	—	—
152	40	Northamber	74	81	—	3.3	4.2	5.8
25	10	Oceonics	13	16	+1	—	—	—
328	198	Oxford Instruments	270	280 ●	+1	5.4	2.0	15.0
280	128	P-E International	182	185	-2	7.8	4.3	8.7
219	80	P & P	137	140 ●	+3	5.7	4.1	7.4
91	43	Peek	64	68	+2	4.5	6.8	8.0
105	60	Philips Fin 5¾%	65	75	—	575b	8.2	—
15⅞	8⅞	Philips Lamps N/V	8⅞		—	—	—	—
335	205	Pifco	298	308 ●	+1⅞	10.0	3.3	10.6
272	169	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	265	275 ●	+1	9.7	3.6	—
108	63	Prestec	95	100	+5	3.2	3.3	10.1
112	49	Quotient	32	37	—	3.3	3.9	—
259	134	Racal Elect	212	218	+4	5.0	2.3	21.8
414	227	Racal Telecom	347	353	+5	5.7	1.8	29.4
177	88	Rees	115	117	+11	1.7	1.5	27.8
85	23	SD-Scicon	30	32	—	1.0	3.2	61.6
246	165	Sage Gp	245	248	—	9.3	3.8	12.8
151	58	Scantronic	72	77	—	4.0	5.3	8.3
185	78	Scholes Gp	118	126	+1	10.4	8.5	10.3
630	382	Sema Gp	420	427	-1	3.3	0.8	35.2
60	15	Sistron	23	28	—	1.1	4.2	4.6
327	232	STC	310	330	—	15.0	4.7	10.1
28⅞	15⅞	TDK	23⅞		—	—b	—	—

ELECTRICITY

FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

E - K

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
270	180	Br Polythene	260	270	+5	10.0	3.8	11.9
150⅞	110	Br Steel	140	142	+1⅞	11.3	8.0	4.3
171	91	Br Syphon	93	98	—	—	—	—
249	161	Br Vita	223	227	-15	8.5	3.8	13.0
608	383	Broken Hill	445	460	+3	—	—	—
149	101	Bromsgrove Inds	128	132	—	5.0	3.6	8.1
32	16⅞	Brooke Tool	16⅞	18⅞ ●	—	1.6	8.4	8.6
160	39	Brown & Tawse	88	92	+3	12.7	14.1	10.8
143	71	Bullough	118	120 ●	-2	8.1	6.9	8.3
110	14	CH Ind				1.7		
43	23	CI Group	31	33	+1	2.8	8.8	5.4
25	9	CMB Pack	13⅞	13⅞	-⅛	—	—	—
78	9	Cabra Est	15	17	—	0.1	0.6	7.0
138	47	Campbell & Arm	68	72	+15	4.9	5.7	5.4
185	58	Cannon St	110	115	+3	11.7	10.4	4.7

L - R

S - Z

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
47	9	Unigroup	30	32	+2	—	—	35.6
743	585	Unilever	732	736	—	24.2	3.3	12.3
53⅞	40⅞	Unilever (NV)	47		—	—	—	—
418	278	VSEL	395	410	—	30.0	7.4	5.4
50	39	Verson	38	40	—	1.2	3.1	12.6
246	172	Vickers	231	234	+1	13.2	5.7	8.7
207	141	Victaulic	224	236	—	7.1	3.4	14.9
226⅞	101⅞	Volkswagen	127⅞		-6⅞	—	—	—
259	202	Vosper Thorny	242	247	—	13.7	5.8	9.8
109	61	WSP Hldgs	60	67	—	3.5	5.5	7.3
383	280	Wagon Ind	378	385	+8	22.1	5.8	10.0
73	45	Walker, Greenbank	60	64	—	3.9	6.3	15.3
192	135	Warner Howard	188	195	—	6.3	3.3	13.5
235	121	Wescol	160	164	—	3.1	1.9	15.3
345	227	Weir	337	340	+1	11.1	3.3	15.3

INSURANCE

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LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
116	72	Goal Pet	90	92	-2	1.3	1.4	—
241	109	Gt Western Res	122	130	-5	5.5	4.4	—
23⅞	15⅞	Hamilton	21⅞		-⅛	—	—	—
223	163	Hardy O & G	180	182	+3	..	..	18.7
35	3	Intl Energy	4⅞	5	+⅛	—	—	—
633	317	LASMO	375	380 ●	-6⅞	17.3	3.0	17.9
210	130	Do Units	165	175	—	34.4	19.9	—
49⅞	23⅞	Mesa Petrol	37	37⅞	+1⅞	—	—	39.7
25⅞	11	New London	14	19	—	—	—	—
34	18	NIP Sth Assets	28	29	+1⅞	—	—	88.4
39	19	Oil Search	24	25	—	—	—	—
70	27	Petrocon	43	47	—	1.8	4.0	12.1
14	6	Petrol	6	7⅞	—	..	—	—
121	46	Premier	57	59	—	..	—	33.9
575	270	Presidio	250	260	—	..	—	—

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

TRANSPORT

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
347	243	[illegible]	344	350	—	10.7	3.1	17.8
585	305	Tiphook	412	420	+2	13.3	3.2	8.8
258	181	Transport Dev	254	257	+16	12.7	5.0	14.6
245	65	Turnbull Scott	115	135	—	—	—	3.5

WATER

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
313	209	Anglian Water	303	306	+1	20.4	6.7	7.1
323	215⅞	Northumbrian	319	323	+4	21.4	6.7	3.8
318	211⅞	North West	308	311	+2	21.0	6.8	4.7
291	190	Severn Trent	258	262	+3	19.6	6.8	5.0
300	191	Sthn Water	289	293	+4	20.3	6.9	6.3
327	203	South West	314	316	+3	23.2	7.3	5.1
315	206	Thames Water	305	309	+2	21.4	7.0	7.8
335	219	Welsh Water	330	335	+1	22.4	6.7	5.4
374	209	Wessex Water	355	360	-1	20.3	5.7	6.9
321	221⅞	Yorkshire Water	310	315	+1	20.8	6.6	6.7
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Quadrant secures big supply rise

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

QUADRANT Gas, an independent supplier, is to step up efforts to win industrial customers after securing a fivefold increase in supplies.

The improvement in gas availability results from the first agreement under which British Gas will surrender to competitors up to a tenth of the gas it has contracted to buy for the industrial market. Robert Evans, British Gas chairman, made the offer last month after pressure from Ofgas, the regulatory body.

Shell and Esso, joint owners of Quadrant, will be able to redirect supplies from their joint processing plant at St Fergus, Aberdeenshire. British Gas will receive additional supplies in the future under a swap arrangment.

Quadrant supplies more than 20 industrial customers with a consumption averaging more than 1 million therms a year.

Under the new arrangements Quadrant, one of four independent competitors with British Gas in the industrial market, should have 150 million therms of gas available within two years.

Independent supplier volumes remain modest in relation to British Gas's firm contract industrial sales of 3.5 billion therms in the year to end-March 1989.

TDG reports optimism as profits slip

By Jonathan Prynn

TRANSPORT Development Group, the road distribution and storage company whose results are often seen as a leading indicator for the British economy, has said activity early this year is ahead of the same period last year.

Sir James Duncan, chairman, said that while the current year would not be easy, "there is a feeling of optimism in the UK businesses". TDG shares gained 16p to 256p on the news.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-December were down 8 per cent at £38.2 million on turnover of £580.6 million, reduced from £593 million last time. Both the final dividend, at 6.5p, and the total payout for the year, 9.5p, were unchanged.

Operating profits for the core UK operations rose 3 per cent to £30.7 million, though profits from the European activities fell 8 per cent to £8.8 million and those in America slipped from £3.2 million to £1.5 million.

Two of the company's three American businesses are for sale and America is unlikely to be an investment priority. Sir James said the company was looking for a return on capital of between 18 and 20 per cent, against the current group average of 12 per cent. Europe provided the best opportunities for achieving these levels of return on capital, he added.

The net interest charge for the year was £4.8 million, slightly up on last year. Year-end gearing was 17.9 per cent, against 18.9 per cent the previous year.

Sir James reported that the company had £31 million cash in the bank on December 31.

TDG continues to take a cautious approach to capital spending after last year's sharp reduction in fixed asset expenditure from £60.8 million to £44.1 million.

Sir James said: "We are telling our companies to just wait until they have the first six months under their belt before they spend their ration of capital."

Replacement expenditure this year is unlikely to exceed last year's level, he added, although acquisition opportunities could mean a larger total capital spend.

CIA Group advances to £2.45m

CIA Group, the media buyer, has reported pre-tax profits ahead from £1.82 million to £2.45 million in the full year to end-December, its first as a public company, and claims to be benefiting from the recession as its clients, the big advertisers, become increasingly concerned about value for their money.

Last year the group increased market share with net new business of more than £35 million.

A final dividend of 2.2p makes a total of 3.2p. The shares, floated on the Unlisted Securities Market at 82p in October 1989, rose 6p to 104p.

Australian Industries falls

Interim pre-tax profits at Australian National Industries, in which Kerry Packer is the majority shareholder, fell 10 per cent to Aus$77 million (£31.8 million) despite an improved performance by Aurora, its British steel subsidiary.

Interest charges halved to Aus$14.8 million and ANI expects to be debt-free by the end of the year. The dividend was maintained at 5.3 cents.

TLS down

TLS Range, the Salford truck and car hire group, which came to the USM almost two years ago, saw pre-tax profits decline from £1.03 million to £807,000 in the year to end-December as the group's interest bill increased to fund acquisitions. A final dividend of 0.8p makes a maintained 1.8p for the year.

Appletree offer

Shareholders in Appletree Holdings are to receive 99.71p a share for their holdings if they agree a proposed winding-up of the company later this year. Shares in the company jumped 5p to 95p on the announcement.

Indmar record

Fife Indmar, the Edinburgh engineering holding group, reports a record pre-tax profit of £1.71 million (£1.21 million) for the year ended December — its third record in a row. Turnover was £31.8 million (£23.1 million), and a final dividend of 3.9p (3.375p), makes a total 4.9p (4.125p).

Celsius sold

Sketchley, the dry cleaning group, has sold Celsius, its computer distribution subsidiary, to Bonsai, the privately owned microcomputer distributor, for £5.28 million. Celsius trades as Mellordata. The business had sales of £26.6 million for the year to end-March, 1990.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2954.21 (-0.99)*
S&P Composite	374.31 (-0.64)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	26669.37 (+61.85)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3669.03 (+15.84)
FT-SE Euro 100	1085.40 (-11.85)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	92.3 (-0.7)
Sydney: AO	1423.9 (+8.7)
Frankfurt: DAX	1565.78 (-36.51)
Brussels:	
General	5849.04 (+26.37)
Paris: CAC	465.01 (-2.77)
Zurich: SKA Gen	552.7 (-7.6)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	1196.98 (+4.85)
FT.— "500"	1318.73 (+7.36)
FT. Gold Mines	147.1 (+3.9)
FT. Fixed interest	93.42 (+0.10)
FT. Govt Secs	85.25 (+0.10)
Bargains	44348
SEAQ Volume	537.7m
USM (Datastream)	130.92 (+2.35)

*Denotes latest trading price

Weathering the recession better than most: John Thornton, the group's chairman

Thorntons' sweet success

By Gillian Bowditch

THORNTONS, the chocolate and toffee retailer, overcame the twin hurdles of a hot summer and high interest rates to increase interim pre-tax profits by 8 per cent to £7.75 million. The group, which came to the stock market in 1988, has weathered the recession better than many retailers and is capitalised at £105 million, £26 million more than when it floated.

John Thornton, the group's chairman, said that despite a heavy snowfall before Christmas which disrupted trade at the busiest time of the year, Christmas was successful with sales up 14.9 per cent on last year. Increased sales of Thorntons Real Dairy Ice Cream during summer compensated in part for lower chocolate and confectionery sales.

Pre-tax profits rose from £7.17 million to £7.75 million in the six months to January 12 on sales of £46.2 million, up 15.8 per cent. Earnings per share rose 10.5 per cent to 8.01p and the interim dividend is up 9.1 per cent to 1.2p. The shares rose 2p to 169p.

Thorntons paid interest of £210,000 compared with interest received of £196,000. Property profits were £464,000 (£438,000). In the first half the number of Thorntons-owned shops increased by six to 211 and the number of franchises increased by 15 to 153, making 364 British shops in total.

The reorganisation of the group's business in France is almost completed. Thorntons Special Toffee was introduced in France in the autumn.

Mr Thornton said: "Overall, sales since the half year-end have been good and our shops had a successful Valentine's Day. The outlook for our commercial sales business is encouraging. In France security measures implemented by the French government and the general concern of consumers in relation to the war in the Gulf affected sales in January and February."

TeleWest group goes for TSW franchise

By Melinda Wittstock
Media Correspondent

A NEW consortium set up to bid for a Channel 3 licence has become the first to declare its hand publicly.

TeleWest, led by Malory Maltby, an award-winning broadcaster and independent producer, and Graham Shore, a former government broadcasting adviser, announced yesterday it is to bid for the Southwestern ITV region now held by TSW.

"There are so many rumours flying about that we thought it was time someone stood up and declared unequivocally what they planned to do," said Mr Maltby, whose independent production company now supplies Anglia Television with documentaries.

"We represent a group of programme makers who were brought up in the Southwest and have worked in the Southwest. There was never any doubt of our target — it is our natural home."

TeleWest, which has been working on its bid for a year, said it will concentrate on offering stronger regional output than exists on TSW.

Mr Maltby said there was room for great improvement in TSW's regional output. TSW has the lowest ratings of any ITV company, averaging about 41 per cent, and it is consistently behind BBC Southwest television, he said.

Neither Mr Maltby nor Mr Shore would reveal who else has joined their consortium, saying most were currently employed by the BBC and ITV companies.

TeleWest is backed by Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, and Touche Ross, the accountant and media management consultant. Mr Maltby added he had identified 14 independent producers in the region as possible partners, and was already talking to four about specific ideas.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyons	460	95	100	108	1½	4½	7½
(*545)	500	58	65	80	5	14	16
	550	19	32	48	20	32	35
ASDA	120	21	27	28	1	3	5
(*139)	130	13	20	21	3	5	7½
	140	6½	13	16	6½	9	12
Bass	1050	50	82	115	22	42	50
(*1056)	1100	27	57	85	50	68	80
	1150	12	-	-	90	-	-
Boots	300	64	69	73	1	3	4
(*357)	330	36	42	51	2½	9	10
	360	13	22	32	11	20	22
Br Airways	140	37	38	41	1	4	6
(*173)	160	20	21	27	4½	10	13
	180	7	11	17	13	21	21
BP	300	49	54	60	1½	5	7
(*344)	330	23	33	40	6	10½	15
	360	6½	16½	24	21	25	29
Br Steel	130	15½	18	19	2	5	6
(*142)	140	7	11	13	4½	9	11
	160	2	4	7	19	24	24
C & W	460	68	80	92	3½	11	15
(*520)	500	37	50	67	11	24	29
	550	11	25	42	38	48	53
CU	460	73	88	95	2	6	10½
(*526)	500	39	58	65	8½	15	23
	550	10	29	38	32	36	45
Courtauld	330	64	67	77	1½	4	6
(*387)	360	37	43	54	4	11	14
	390	16	25	34	13	22	24
GKN	330	48	60	63	3	8	12
(*365)	360	23	41	43	11	18	23
	390	9	22	30	27	32	38
Grand Met	650	130	146	157	1½	7	9
(*766)	700	83	105	120	6½	15	22
	750	44	70	86	18	32	35
ICI	1000	65	114	127	18	29	43
(*1034)	1050	36	82	99	35	49	65
	1100	17	57	75	69	77	90
Kingfisher	390	60	69	78	2	9	11
(*441)	420	35	45	57	7	16	19
	460	12	24	36	26	34	38
Ladbroke	240	55	57	62	2	5½	9½
(*286)	260	33	40	48	5½	9	15
	280	19	28	37	10	17	23
Land Sec	500	53	62	70	3	8	13
(*543)	550	18	28	40	18	30	35
	600	4	10	20	60	66	68
M & S	220	34	38	45	1	4½	6
(*250)	240	18	24	32	5	11	13
	260	7	14	21	14	20	23
Sainsbury	300	47	52	62	1	5	6½
(*343)	330	21	31	41	6	13	15
	360	6½	15	25	22	29	31
Shell	420	70	85	97	2½	5	7
(*483)	460	36	53	67	7	12	16
	500	13	29	40	24	28	35
Smkl Beech	650	118	132	155	1½	7	11
(*755)	700	73	96	117	6	16	23
	750	35	60	83	22	33	40
Storehse	110	13	17	21	3	6	8
(*119)	120	7½	12	15	6½	11	13
	130	3	7½	-	13	17	-
Trafalgar	220	43	45	55	3	11	15
(*251)	240	27	32	43	8	20	24
	260	15	22	33	18	30	34
Ultramar	300	40	52	60	3	6	9
(*334)	330	18	33	40	11	15	20
	360	6	17	25	30	32	37
Unilever	600	140	142	-	1½	3½	-
(*735)	650	90	102	122	4	9	12
	700	43	65	85	12	21	27
	750	14	36	56	37	45	48
Utd Bisc	330	42	47	56	2½	6	9
(*371)	360	17	27	37	11	15	20
	390	4	14	23	32	35	38
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA	390	45	53	63	8	16	20
(*414)	420	27	35	46	18	29	33
	460	10	-	-	40	-	-
BAT Ind	550	172	173	-	2	4	-
(*712)	600	123	129	143	3½	8	12
	650	77	90	108	9	20	23
	700	40	60	77	25	38	43
BTR	360	29	42	49	13	16	21
(*380)	390	14	27	32	27	30	36
	420	6	15	22	50	53	56
Br Aero	550	115	130	140	6	10	15
(*628)	600	69	93	107	15	22	27
	650	37	60	74	35	42	50
Br Telecm	280	63	68	71	1	3½	4½
(*337)	300	45	51	55	2½	7	8
	330	22	30	36	10	16	18
Cadbury	330	51	62	67	3	5	7
(*370)	360	27	41	47	9	14	16
	390	12	24	31	25	29	31
Guinness	750	118	142	155	6	12	16
(*853)	800	72	103	118	16	24	28
	850	43	72	87	35	43	50
GEC	180	41	43	45	1½	3	4
(*215)	200	24	27	31	4	8	10
	220	10	14	20	11	16	19
Hanson	200	35½	39	44½	1½	4	4½
(*230)	220	19	24	30	4½	9	10½
	240	8½	14	20	16	19	20½
LASMO	330	60	73	83	3	8	12
(*378)	360	37	50	62	12	16	22
	390	20	32	45	27	30	35
P & O	500	100	105	-	5	10	-
(*590)	550	53	67	74	17	23	32
	600	22	40	45	42	47	57
Pilkington	160	34	35	39	2½	6½	8
(*187)	180	19	21	27	8	14	17
	200	9	12	17	18	26	28
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Prudential	200	34	37	40	2½	4½	6½
(*230)	220	16	24	28	8½	10½	13½
	240	7	14	18	20	21	25
Racal	180	38	42	46	3½	5	7
(*214)	200	24	28	34	7½	12	13
	220	11	18	23	18	21	22
	240	6	-	-	31	-	-
RTZ	420	124	131	-	2½	4	-
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	550	19	36	45	43	45	49
Scot New	330	82	87	-	2	4	-
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	390	32	40	48	11	19	22
	420	16	24	33	27	35	38
Tesco	214	50	54	-	1½	3	-
(*262)	233	33	38	-	3	5½	-
	253	14½	23	-	7	11	-
Thames W.	280	38	42	44	5	9	12
(*307)	300	23	28	31	9	16	18
	330	9	13	18	24	34	35
Lucas	140	32	38	41	3	5	7
(*166)	160	17	23	28	7½	10	13
	180	6	10	19	19	22	25
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons	390	96	105	119	1	2½	4½
(*474)	420	66	78	92	2½	6½	9
	460	30	47	62	10	17	19
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Abbey Nat.	220	43	49	53	1	2	3
(*262)	240	23	32	37	1	4½	6½
	260	8	19	25	4	10	15
Amstrad	60	16½	20	23	1	2	3½
(*76)	70	6	11	15	1½	3½	5½
	80	1½	6½	9½	6	9	10
Barclays	390	63	78	85	1½	5½	11½
(*451)	420	33	52	63	3½	13	21
	460	7	30	40	18	28	38
Blue Circ	240	29	34	41	1½	8½	14
(*265)	260	12	22	29	5	16	21
	280	4	14	20	16	27	33
Br Gas	220	36	44	47	1	2	4½
(*255)	240	17	27	30	1½	5	10
	260	4	14	16	9	13	19
Dixons	160	21	31	31	1	4	7
(*180)	180	6	17	20	5	11	16
	200	1½	7½	10	22	25	28
Glaxo	950	60	104	-	6	24	-
(*1003)	1000	24	72	-	21	44	-
	1050	7	48	-	55	67	-
Hawker	460	88	100	110	1	9	15
(*542)	500	50	67	83	2	18	28
	550	18	37	55	18	43	50
Hillsdown	180	66	68	71	1	2½	4½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
(*243)	200	46	50	56	1	5	8
	220	26	33	44	2½	11	15
Lonrho	200	43	51	54	1	2	6
(*242)	220	23	34	38	2	5½	10
	240	8	21	27	7	12	18
Midland	160	40	45	50	1	4	6
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	220	1½	10	18	24	28	35
Reuters	750	153	182	205	3	15	27
(*900)	800	105	145	170	5½	25	43
	850	65	112	140	13	43	60
R-Royce	160	6½	14½	21	4	9	12
(*161)	180	1½	6½	11	19	21	23
	200	½	2½	-	39	40	-
Sears	80	16	18	18	1	3	3½
(*95)	90	6½	10	11	1½	4½	7
	100	1½	5	7	6½	12	12
THF	260	16	24	32	3	12	15
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	300	4	7½	14	18	37	39
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(*754)	650	106	128	132	1	5	13
	700	56	87	89	1½	11	24
	750	17	53	60	14	26	49
TSB	130	29	33	35	1	2	2½
(*156)	140	19	24	27	1	3	5½
	160	3	10	13	6	9½	13
Vaal Reefs	50	14	17	18	1	3½	6
(*$61)	60	5	11	13	4	7	10
Wellcome	460	65	85	104	2	11	15
(*515)	500	27	57	75	7	23	28
	550	5½	31	48	35	47	51
	Series	Mar	May	Aug	Mar	May	Aug
Eastn Elec	140	36	39	41	1	2½	4½
(*174)	160	16	21	25	2	5½	11
	180	3	10	14	8½	13	21
Sthn Elec.	140	50	53	-	1	2	-
(*180)	160	30	35	-	1	2½	-
	180	10	17	-	2	6	-
Elec Pack.	1800	165	195	-	15	40	-
(*£1948)	1850	125	155	-	20	60	-
	1900	95	125	-	50	70	-

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Calls						
Mar	225	176	127	82	48	25
Apr	245	201	154	116	85	59
May	258	215	180	140	110	85
Jun	280	239	200	169	135	104
Dec	—	330	—	265	—	205
Puts						
Mar	3½	5	8	18	34	64
Apr	12	17	26	38	58	90
May	21	25	38	52	72	95
Jun	27	33	47	62	78	105
Dec	—	73	—	105	—	150

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Unequal impact

LOSING a sex discrimination case in an industrial tribunal usually has only a marginal influence on employers and their attitudes, according to a Policy Studies Institute survey. The case brought by Britain's highest-ranking woman police officer, Alison Halford, against the Merseyside police authority, has put sex discrimination litigation in the limelight.

The survey looks at 40 cases in which employers were found to be in breach of the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act and finds that although some employers made significant changes to their employment practice after losing cases, most made only small changes, if any. The institute found that where the applicant had legal representation, improvements were more likely, and most likely in cases backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

The institute concludes that industrial tribunals should be given the power to recommend that employers consult the commission and that tribunal decisions be given greater legal status.

Cool meeting

LAST week's meeting between the Lord Chancellor and the Law Society's race relations committee started badly. Lord Mackay of Clashfern was reportedly annoyed that the *Law Society's Gazette* carried an article by the solicitor Geoffrey Bindman, suggesting that Lord Mackay's judicial appointment system might breach race relations law. If the Law Society was considering legal action against him, Lord Mackay said, this was perhaps not the moment to discuss ways to increase the number of appointments from the ethnic minorities to the Bench. The society assured him no such proceedings were contemplated.

Eyebrow-raiser

A FEW eyebrows were raised when names were published last week of the lay people who will have a key role in implementing government legal reforms. "Disappointing" was how one lawyer greeted the news of the membership of the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee that will help to determine which lawyers are allowed into which courts.

Another asked how much time Eric Hammond, the general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, a busy man in his own field, would have to master the nitty-gritty of details on rights of audience. There was also surprise over the inclusion of John Hosking, the recently retired chairman of the Magistrates' Association, who is best known for his tough line in fighting for JPs' independence in the face of government reforms. Perhaps most surprising is that Tammy Goriely, the research consultant to the Legal Action Group, and one of the best-known people in legal services, should not be on the committee, but instead on the new conveyancing practitioners' board.

Lunch is off

BUSY lawyers often say that the invention of the facsimile machine has at least doubled their work by speeding communication times. So will today's showing of a computer software package to improve document transmission speeds to between ten and 100 times that of a normal fax be welcomed?

The Society of Computers and Law, which set up a working party to look at an electronic mail package for lawyers, has devised a solution called LIX, which will be shown in the presence of the Lord Chancellor today. But for every lawyer who welcomes the promise of instant communication, will there not be a few who will rue the end of lunch?

SCRIVENOR

Lawyers push east for British business

Edward Fennell reports on the latest CBI drive into Europe

Comments last week by Axel Lebahn, of Deutsche Bank, that German investment in the Soviet Union is at a standstill because the financial risks are too great will not have done much to support the CBI's east European initiative.

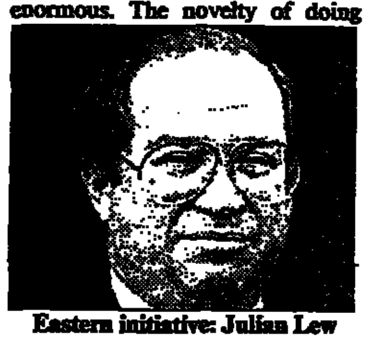
The CBI is trying to encourage British businesses to investigate opportunities in the reformed economies of the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, but it faces some resistance from British industry, which is worried about the possible risks of investing in the East so soon after the political upheavals.

None of this, however, is deterring S.J. Berwin and Frere Cholmeley, the two law firms commissioned by the CBI to produce guides to doing business in the new markets of the East. Both firms occupy that middle ground between the City and the West End of London and are known for their bold approach.

In seeking standard-bearers for eastern Europe, the CBI has selected law firms with a bit of dash. Tim Razzell, the chief executive of Frere Cholmeley, believes his firm won the assignment for the Soviet Union and Poland because it was the first to open an office in East Berlin before the wall came down. Mr Razzell says the firm had proved its ability to negotiate with a communist government at a time of rapid change.

Julian Lew, of S.J. Berwin, says his firm has done legal work in eastern Europe for 15 years and already had the contacts necessary for research when company and commercial law is still in the embryo stage. He adds: "Few east European lawyers understand the concept of a transaction. Even the idea of a business lawyer in these countries is unfamiliar, although there is tremendous enthusiasm to become involved in joint ventures. We are trying to persuade British business to go there to look at the opportunities."

Should British investors go where Germany is now reluctant to lead? Both London firms say this is an ideal time for British companies to seek business in the East. The four countries involved in the initiative are looking for non-German investors, and potential opportunities will usually justify any risks, especially in the Soviet Union, where the scale of development could be enormous. The novelty of doing deals under new commercial codes can, however, mean difficulties in handling negotiations.


Eastern initiative: Julian Lew

S.J. Berwin and Frere Cholmeley hope to establish the up-to-date expertise that will bring them work from western investors and traders. Getting work from the East may not be so easy. Mr Razzell says: "We are encountering some scepticism from enterprises and governments in the East, which are wary of buying expensive western expertise that in practice does not help them much."

Other contenders for work in eastern Europe, such as Theodore Goddard and Allen & Overy, have established reputations in Poland, and some firms are in Moscow. Baker & McKenzie has offices in Moscow and Budapest, while Nabarro Nathanson has an exclusive link with the Austrian firm Lambert, Grohmann Kerres, which has an office in Budapest, as well as links with the Soviet Union.

One problem for firms that want to make a commitment to eastern Europe is how to get citizens of those countries on to their payroll. Baker & McKenzie has a tradition of recruiting emigrés and sending them back to their homelands to open offices, build a base and expand. In the Baker & McKenzie Budapest office, for example, six of the ten full-time lawyers are now Hungarians.

So, despite the uncertainties, some firms have already staked out their patch. Trade with eastern Europe needs lawyers to succeed, but the prospects for lawyers to make a profit may be as uncertain as for their clients.

FRANK SPOONER

Prague revolt : now British law firms plan a business revolution

Firms vie for the graduate cream

Organisers expect 5,000 students to be seeking jobs at the Law Fair this week

Big City law firms, regional firms, law centres and public sector employers, emerging comparatively unscathed from the recession, will all be vying for the cream of the candidates from among the 5,000 students expected to turn up at the Law Fair, sponsored by the Law Society, the Bar and *The Times*, on March 14-15 in London.

Hundreds of jobs are on offer from firms large and small. Tax consultants, the Bar, the army legal corps, the Law Commission and the magistrates' courts service will be among those represented.

Nicholas Coope, the careers adviser at Cambridge university, says: "There will be more students saying, 'I have got two offers and I am delighted', rather than five or six. And the take-up ratio of offers is higher. More students will be accepting their offers. But there are still plenty of jobs."

If big firms are planning to cut their graduate intake, there is no sign of it from those represented at the fair. Linklaters, for instance, is seeking 100 recruits for 1993, the same total as this year; McKenna & Co is seeking 30, the same intake as for the past two years.

What kind of students do firms want? Employers repeat the same factors: above all, they insist on good (upper second) degrees; the subject is unimportant and many even favour non-law graduates. Increasingly, they are on the look-out for languages.

Sally Hinton, at McKenna, says: "As we are quite strong in intellectual property we are looking for people with science backgrounds and also, looking to 1992, with languages. A lot of universities now offer combined degrees — mixing law or English with a language — and those are obviously of interest to us."

Lisa Wilson, of Clyde & Co, known for shipping law, says: "Languages are very definitely an advantage, with our work in intellectual property." The firm has places for 15 trainees for 1993.

Claire Deansley, of Gouldens, which wants 12 to 16 entrants, also picked on languages because of the firm's international work. "We have just taken on a Russian speaker, as well as Israeli, French and American trainees," she says.

In the Gouldens trainee scheme, entrants are not rotated from department to department but receive work from all departments throughout their training, allowing them to see cases through to a conclusion.

Peter Thompson, of the health and welfare law group of the health and social security departments, says: "We like both an interest in Europe, and knowledge of it, and people who are interested in working on policy."

The group is seeking qualified lawyers and students who want to qualify at the Bar, whom it will sponsor through pupillage. The group also offers 12 summer jobs.

Brian Read, Sheffield university's senior careers adviser, says: "All is not lost if by the end of this year students are not fixed for 1993; many of the smaller firms, as well as other employers in commerce and industry, and the public sector, do not recruit ahead in the same way."

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Why we must not decry Woolf

Today, the criminal justice bill has its second reading in the Lords.

LEGAL BRIEF

Labour MP **Barry Sheerman** outlines his party's concern

Observers of the criminal justice scene may be forgiven for failing to notice that the criminal justice bill completed its passage through the House of Commons on February 25. That occasion was overshadowed by a far more significant event – the publication of the Woolf report on prison disturbances.

The House of Commons was denied the opportunity to incorporate Lord Justice Woolf's conclusions into the debate on the bill by the government's unseemly haste in rushing the bill through its parliamentary stages. The House of Lords will not suffer from this disadvantage.

Lord Richard will be leading for the Labour party in the House of Lords and will be hoping to obtain support from Liberal Democrat and crossbench peers to tighten up and improve those sections of the bill with which Labour is in agreement.

These include the proposals for restrictions on the use of custody, the introduction of a unit fine system, which involves fining offenders according to their means, and the proposals from the working party under Judge Pigot on child victims.

Socialist peers will continue to express Labour's total opposition to the bill's objectionable, doctrinaire proposals. In this category I would highlight the electronic monitoring of offenders, which Home Office research shows to be a complete failure, proposals to bind over the parents of juvenile offenders, opposed by all those in the field, including the Magistrates' Association, and the ultimate folly – privatisation of prisons.

In the House of Lords, the Opposition will also be raising key issues which we anticipate will receive a more sympathetic hearing than in the Commons. Opposition peers will press the government to accept our proposals to limit the number of mentally disordered people entering prison by requiring courts to obtain psychiatric reports, whenever they suspect they are dealing with a mentally disordered offender. The establishment of court psychiatric rotas would go a long way to ending the scandal of the incarceration of the mentally ill.

Labour peers will also push the government to agree to amendments to restrict the number of fine defaulters committed to prison. Once courts have the power to enforce the payment of fines by attachment of income support in addition to attachment of earnings and distraint of goods, there will be few occasions when a prison committal can be justified.

Racism in the criminal justice system is another major cause of concern. The Labour party has consistently argued that there should be a declaratory statement on the face of the bill that decisions must be made without discrimination, and we have proposed that the effects on ethnic groups should be monitored. The government has moved some way towards us on the latter suggestion, but it has failed to grasp the significance of a statutory commitment on discrimination both for the black community and those working in the criminal justice system.

The government is poisoning relations with prison officers and prison governors

There has been considerable anxiety that the bill, as originally drafted, could have led to longer sentences for consensual homosexual offences. The government has moved a long way to meet these concerns, but there are still problems with clause 25, which opposition peers will try to improve in the Lords. In the House of Commons the Labour party tried unsuccessfully to introduce new clauses, which would have implemented the European Court of Human Rights ruling of 1990 in the case of Thynne and others on the treatment of life sentence prisoners.

I am optimistic that the House of Lords will place greater emphasis on the importance of complying with this important judgment so that rapists and other "discretionary" lifers are entitled to a periodic review by a court to see if it is safe to release them.

The Lords will also, I am sure, be far less dismissive of the powerful case for making a life sentence the maximum and not the mandatory sentence for murder, in the light of the report from the commitee under Lord Nathan in 1989.

Labour peers will also pursue the party's proposal for a sentencing council, which we believe will produce the fundamental changes in sentencing practice that are so necessary. Chaired by the Lord Chief Justice, and comprising members of the judiciary and other co-opted experts, the council would produce a series of sentencing guidelines. Proposals to implement some of Lord Justice Woolf's key recommendations on prisons must now be brought forward.

On many of these issues the government can act immediately. There is no need for the delaying tactic of a white paper.

In the House of Commons we were denied the opportunity of even discussing subjects such as grievance and disciplinary procedures for prisoners and minimum standards in prisons because they were deemed to be outside the scope of the bill. Now that the Woolf report has been published, it is surely inconceivable that the House of Lords should be prevented from raising these issues.

The Labour party is opposed in principle and in practice to the privatisation of prisons, given the parlous state of the unregulated private security industry. Such are government priorities that on the day the home secretary delayed responding to much of the Woolf report, he rushed into accepting a backbench Tory amendment, which significantly widens the scope for privatisation.

All members of the prison service must work together to implement Woolf, yet the government is poisoning relationships with prison officers and governors. Labour peers will attempt to rein back these disastrous proposals.

FIONA HANSON

Lord Justice Woolf: the Lords should heed his conclusions

Law Report March 12 1991 Court of Appeal

Proposal by arbitrators for commitment fee was not improper

K/S Norjal A/S v Hyundai Heavy Industries Co Ltd

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice Chancellor, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Leggatt

[Judgment February 21]

Where parties to an arbitration requested the arbitrators to set aside a period of 12 weeks for the hearing, it was not improper for the arbitrators to propose to both parties an arrangement for payment of fees, including a commitment fee payable in advance of the hearing.

It would, however, probably constitute misconduct for the arbitrators to conclude an agreement as to fees with one party when the other refused to join in the agreement.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by K/S Norjal A/S and a cross-appeal by Hyundai Heavy Industries Co Ltd against orders of Mr Justice Phillips (*The Times* November 8, 1990) whereby he refused a declaration sought by Norjal that such a unilateral arrangement would not raise an imputation of bias against the arbitrators and refused Hyundai's summons for removal of the arbitrators for misconduct in seeking the fees concerned, but granted a declaration that the arbitrators were fit and proper persons to continue as arbitrators.

In 1987 Hyundai appointed Mr Cedric Barclay as their arbitrator (succeeded in 1989 by Mr John Estes); Norjal appointed Mr Stewart Boyd, QC. Those arbitrators appointed Mr David Steel, QC as third arbitrator.

No reference was made to fees, but Mr Boyd reported Mr Steel's acceptance of his appointment on the basis of an understanding that the arbitration hearing would take place by May 1989 and would last from three to five weeks.

In 1990 Norjal requested that dates should be fixed for the hearing, namely 12 weeks commencing April 28, 1992. In response Mr Steel, for the arbitrators, wrote that the tribunal was prepared to consider such a course but felt "that the parties should have ample time before committing themselves ... to consider the likely fees which would be incurred and the conditions on which they would be charged".

With regard to fees, the letter indicated that each member of the tribunal would charge £1,500 a day spent on the case during 1990, rising to £1,750 in 1991 and £2,000 in 1992.

On the basis of a fee in 1992 of £2,000 a day for each member of the tribunal, the fees for 60 days would be £120,000 for each member, leaving aside any pre-hearing or post-hearing work.

Accordingly the tribunal requested the parties' solicitors to undertake joint responsibility for a non-returnable payment of 10 per cent of the fees for the hearing upon fixing the dates, the balance of 90 per cent to be earned in equal monthly instalments from August 28, 1991, and payable in any event.

Mr Estes remained aloof from the ensuing discussions about fees between the parties and the other arbitrators.

Solicitors for both parties declined to recommend to their clients acceptance of the arbitrators' proposals.

As a result Mr Steel indicated that the tribunal would be happy to consider any acceptable alternative. Hyundai's solicitors said that they had no counter-proposal and reiterated a request formerly made by both solicitors that the arbitrators should withdraw their requirements in relation to fees. Mr Steel and Mr Boyd thereupon offered their resignations.

Norjal's solicitors then put forward a modified propsal which led to an agreement in principle by the two arbitrators that, assuming a daily rate for 1992 of £1,700 a day, there would be a total payment in advance of the hearing of £67,750.

Hyundai's solicitors made it plain that they were not prepared to recommend those proposed arrangements to their clients, following which Mr Steel wrote a letter to both solicitors saying that in the circumstances they had no option but to resign.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, for Norjal; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Timothy Wormington for Hyundai; the arbitrators did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that by accepting appointment in the case, the arbitrators by implication had undertaken to conduct the arbitration with due diligence and at a reasonable fee.

The commitment subsequently sought by the parties had been of such an extent as in his Lordship's judgment had justified a request by the arbitrators to the parties to consider the payment of a commitment fee, and so had not of itself amounted to misconduct, still less had it warranted removal.

Because no agreement had been concluded by Norjal to pay any fees to its arbitrator or to the third arbitrator, no misconduct had occurred on that account.

If, without the concurrence of Hyundai, an agreement were to be concluded between Norjal and their arbitrator or the third arbitrator, that would, in his Lordship's judgment, probably constitute misconduct and would at least be undesirable as rendering the arbitrators vulnerable to the imputation of bias. His Lordship would therefore dismiss the cross-appeal.

Although no binding agreement had been reached between the arbitrators and Norjal's solicitors for the payment of the arbitrators' fees, Hyundai none the less argued that merely by making requirements in respect of their fees, to which they had no prior right, and by persisting in them, the arbitrators had been guilty of misconduct warranting removal.

It was a cautionary tale for all barristers sitting as commercial arbitrators. It was imperative that they did not confuse the role of counsel with that of the arbitrator: what it was reasonable for the one to charge might not be so for the other.

Of the three ways of determining the amount of an arbitrator's fees contemplated by the Arbitration Act 1950, two involved participation by the arbitrator.

In view of those three methods it could not be misconduct for an arbitrator to seek the agreement of the parties as to his prospective charges.

It was not for the court to take a view without evidence about whether any particular fee was excessive or whether it was unreasonable to have proposed a commitment fee.

In his Lordship's judgment the mere proposal of a commitment fee could not of itself constitute misconduct.

His Lordship would maintain the orders of Mr Justice Phillips by dismissing both appeals.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, concurring in the result, said that he was not persuaded that the circumstances had so changed between the time of the arbitrators' appointment and the request to fix a hearing for 12 weeks as to justify the arbitrators in seeking a commitment fee, let alone one of the extravagant nature originally sought or eventually negotiated with Norjal's solicitors.

Accordingly on that point his Lordship respectfully differed from the view of Lord Justice Leggatt. In all other respects he agreed with his judgment.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, concurring, said that, in case the scale of fees being demanded should give rise to comment, in fairness to the rest of the Bar it should be pointed out that they were not typical of the Bar as a whole.

Many practitioners in specialist fields currently demanded and secured fees which to some (including his Lordship) appeared to be excessive.

For most members of the Bar fees were very much lower and produced annual earnings roughly commensurate with what could be obtained by people of similar skill working in non-legal fields.

His Lordship hoped that the figures mentioned in the current case would not be taken as typical of the Bar as a whole.

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Discretion to uphold order despite misrepresentation

Lagenes Ltd v It's At (UK) Ltd and Others

Before Mr Justice Ferris

[Judgment February 27]

The abolition of conversion in copyright and its partial substitution by a remedy against third parties provided by section 99 of the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 had the result that the reasoning behind *Roberts v Jump Knitwear* ([1981] FSR 527) no longer applied.

The court had a discretion to refuse to discharge an *ex parte* order obtained on the basis of misleading statements even when those statements had not been made innocently.

Mr Justice Ferris so held on a motion by It's At (UK) Ltd, Red Clothing Co Ltd and Robert Alan Davis seeking the discharge of certain *ex parte* injunctions obtained by Lagenes Ltd from Mr Justice Hoffmann on the ground that each of them was granted upon material non-disclosure and/or material misrepresentation by Lagenes in respect of its profitability and financial affairs.

Mr Alastair Wilson, QC and Mr Malcolm Chapple for It's At; Mr Robert Reid, QC and Mr Nicolas Bragge for Lagenes.

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that Lagenes claimed that its copyright in the design of certain ladies' dresses had been infringed by the defendants. Lagenes had obtained *ex parte* orders from Mr Justice Hoffmann in wide terms containing the usual cross-undertaking in damages.

The *ex parte* orders were granted on the basis of affidavits which contained misleading statements as to Lagenes' profitability. While some of the statements could not be characterised as innocent misrepresentation his Lordship was not prepared, in the absence of cross-examination, to find that there had been an attempt deliberately to mislead the court. But he did find that the misleading statements were grossly negligent and highly reprehensible.

Subsequently, however, there had been apologies to the court and Lagenes had provided a bond for £125,000 in favour of the defendant in respect of costs and the undertaking in damages.

The defendants now sought an order that the *ex parte* orders be discharged on the ground of material non-disclosure and/or material misrepresentation by Lagenes as to its profitability.

After a review of the authorities his Lordship concluded that there was a discretion to refuse to discharge the *ex parte* injunction even when the non-disclosure complained of was not innocent.

As to whether or not an injunction could properly have been granted if the true financial position of Lagenes had been disclosed, Mr Wilson submitted that the order which was made was of an unusual and unnecessarily draconian kind, lacking in proper safeguards for the defendant and that it ought not to have been made.

In particular he submitted that in so far as the order required the defendants to give discovery of the identity of the customers to whom they had supplied garments which were said to be infringing copies, that was not something which the court would ever do in such a case until after the plaintiff had obtained judgment on the issue of liability and that even then the purpose of the discovery was to quantify the loss suffered by the plaintiff, not to identify the customers.

He relied on the decision of Mr Justice Falconer in *Roberts v Jump Knitwear* where on an *inter-partes* application an order for discovery of the identity of the defendant's customers was refused on the ground that there was no right of action in conversion against those customers unless and until an infringement of copyright had been proved and that it was wrong to give discovery merely for the purpose of enabling the plaintiff to complete a cause of action against the customers by giving them notice of the alleged infringement.

It appeared to his Lordship, however, that the law had changed since the decision in *Roberts v Jump Knitwear*. In particular the Copyright Act 1956 had been replaced by the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 and one of the main changes made by the new Act was that the right of action in conversion, which previously existed, had been abolished.

In part substitution for that right of action an injured party was now given various other remedies, including a remedy stated in section 99 of the 1988 Act: "(1) Where a person (a) has an infringing copy of work in his possession, custody or control in the course of business or (b) has in his possession, custody or control an article specifically designed or adapted for making copies of a particular copyright work, knowing or having reason to believe that it has been or is to be used to make infringing copies. The owner of the copyright in the work may apply to the court for an order that the infringing copy or article be delivered up to him or to such other person as the court may direct."

Therefore it appeared that the reasoning which led Mr Justice Falconer to his decision in *Roberts v Jump Knitwear* no longer applied and that Lagenes would have a cause of action for the relief specified in section 99(1) against a trade customer of the defendants so long as they could establish that the goods sought to be delivered up were infringing copies.

In those circumstances the court did have jurisdiction to order the defendants, who, if Lagenes were right, had put infringing copies into circulation, to disclose the identity of the persons to whom those garments had been supplied so that Lagenes could consider its position as against those persons, including the possibility of taking proceedings under section 99.

It did not appear that the fact that it had not yet been established that any of the goods in question were infringing copies could be a bar to this jurisdiction.

Accordingly, his Lordship found that Mr Justice Hoffmann could have made the order which he did in fact make if proper disclosure had been made and that if adequate security had been provided he would almost certainly have made the order which he did make.

In the perhaps slightly unusual circumstances of the case and having regard to the amends which had been provided by the putting into place of the bond, it would be wholly disproportionate to Lagenes' offence to accede to the defendant's application to set aside the *ex parte* order and his Lordship accordingly declined to do so.

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Guide to the world of the legal eagles

Headlines tell of trainee solicitors being sent home on half pay, departments being closed and small firms going bankrupt. So why is the University of London careers advisory service running a recruitment and information fair for the legal profession, when most organisations are laying people off and cutting costs in an attempt to weather what many say is one of the worst recessions the country has experienced?

Fortunately, most employers learnt during the slump of the early Eighties that to stop recruiting altogether was folly. It left gaps in the structure of their organisations and led to problems with staff planning and career progression when the market eventually recovered. No organisation, however successful, can afford to lose its place in the minds of new graduates. Firms that drop out of the market find it difficult to attract good aplicants on their return. Careers advisers, too, remember the jobs and recruitment crash of 1982, and advise jobseekers to be as flexible as possible. Apply for an opening as early as possible, they suggest, consider additional qualifications, and think about interim strategies, such as taking a job at a lower level than might be expected of graduates, in order to be the first in the queue when the better-quality jobs become available.

So, despite the recession, recruitment of law and non-law graduates continues, and the Law Fair offers an opportunity for firms to maintain their place in the market and for graduates to broaden their horizons and find jobs.

Fifty-nine firms of solicitors will be represented at the fair. Although conveyancing is in the doldrums because little property is changing hands, couples are still getting divorced and crimes are still being committed. Among City and West End commercial practices, recruitment appears to have dropped dramatically, but on closer investigation, most firms are still taking a lot of trainees.

Recruitment has simply reverted to the level of the mid Eighties, now that the enthusiasm for "big is beautiful" has passed. Outside London, the change in graduate intake is imperceptible because provincial law firms held a steadier course through the heady days of the boom.

Budding solicitors who look beyond UK commercial practices will find openings in industry and commerce, local government, legal aid, law centres and the armed forces. The crown prosecution service and the magistrates court may not seem very glamorous but they are more secure in these hard times. The government still has a huge requirement for legal eagles, and the government legal service and lawyers from the health and welfare departments will be seeking new recruits.

'An opportunity for employers and graduates to broaden their horizons'

The legal profession is one of the few areas of the British economy well prepared for the single European market. Firms have opened offices on the Continent and many offer trainees a period abroad while taking their articles.

The Law Fair's seminar programme covers this international dimension, as well as providing what one lecturer at the University of London describes as "complete coverage of what every graduate should know about legal careers".

The legal profession is not just about being a solicitor, and neither is the Law Fair. *The Times* and the general council of the Bar cosponsors the event and the Bar is still recruiting, intending to fund 400 pupillages this year alone. Many students are unaware of the different areas in which barristers work, and so employed barristers will be on hand to talk about their work in corporate legal departments.

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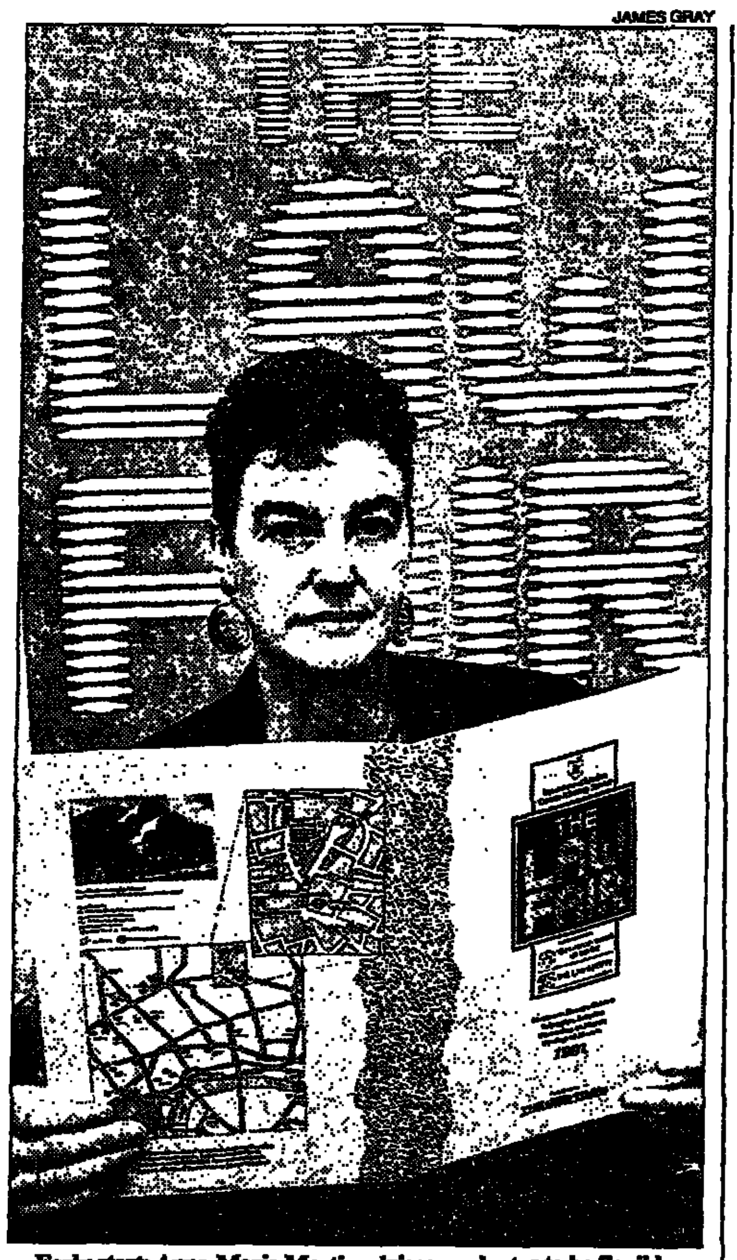

Early start: Anne-Marie Martin advises graduates to be flexible

Some legally and numerate minded people may enjoy a career in taxation. Court reporting provides an alternative to the routine of an office, and those who want to reform the law and have the skills of a research assistant might consider the Law Commission.

It is never too early to start thinking about a job, so all the exhibitors will be happy to provide information about future opportunities and how sixth-formers and undergraduates should prepare themselves.

In a time of recession, qualifications count, and a large number of universities, polytechnics and private colleges, offering undergraduate courses, conversion courses for non-law graduates and the final exams for solicitors, will be participating in the fair.

The general council of the Bar will have information on Bar finals and licensed conveyancers, and tax consulatants will provide details of their professional qualifications.

The MBA Fair, which runs alongside the Law Fair, provides a chance to learn about the Master of Business Administration. More than 25 British and international business schools will offer information and advice. Careers advisers and representatives from the other co-sponsor, the Law Society, will also help job-hunters.

ANNE-MARIE MARTIN

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Overseas postings get stamp of approval

Young lawyers are proving keen to work overseas. Foreign offices have been identified as perhaps the most important factor influencing graduate trainees' choice of company. Recruitment agencies report that the number of lawyers who want to apply for overseas postings is overwhelming.

The reality is that foreign opportunities are far fewer than people might think. Philip Boynton, of the consultants Reuter Simpkin, says: "With all the hype about 1992, one could easily believe that there are hundreds of opportunities in Europe for British lawyers. Unfortunately that is not the case. Although we regularly have European jobs, the numbers are small and the competition is enormous."

Robert Walters, of Robert Walters Associates, which concentrates on recruiting lawyers for business and industry, reports that British lawyers are in demand at European headquarters of multinationals because of their experience in drafting. Even so, he warns against over-optimism. Fluency in at least one other language is essential and it is usually necessary to have good experience of international law. Only people with a perfect "fit" of credentials are likely to succeed.

Opportunities in Brussels have increased. An estimated 35 London firms operate there, as well as several American firms, some of which employ English lawyers. However, according to Rachel Caine, the marketing manager of Badenoch & Clarke, recruitment is almost stagnant in Brussels because business has been disappointing.

Most firms like to staff a popular overseas office such as Brussels with people they have trained and who know the firm well. There are exceptions. Lawyers who have worked for the European Commission, for example, find it easier to get job offers from firms in Brussels. Local lawyers are in demand as well. But once you are established in Brussels and have made contacts you can move around.

When choosing a firm with which to train, it is an asset to go for firms with foreign networks. The younger you can start to gain overseas experience, the better.

Clifford Chance, for example, has excellent overseas opportunities in banking. "It has well over 20 English lawyers — partners and assistants — overseas at any one time," Miss Caine says.

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Openings: Rachel Caine sees "excellent overseas vacancies"

The other big firms, particularly Freshfields and Linklaters, also have strong overseas offices and are increasingly giving themselves titles such as "an international law firm based in Europe". The long-term commitment is clear. If you want to become overseas-based, start working on international law as early as possible.

'Most firms like to staff overseas offices with people they have trained'

Industry provides many openings. "Most of the overseas opportunities we see are not with law firms but with industry," says Philip Boynton, who adds that there is a growing number of young lawyers in the big firms who are disillusioned with the rarefied "academic" atmosphere in which they work.

They want managerial responsibility, which only industry can offer. While they may, ultimately, miss out on the rewards of becoming a partner, they gain by working in a grittier environment. The attractions of going overseas tend, however, to be more about lifestyle than career development, although a temporary, two-year appointment can be beneficial.

There is a general agreement that the vigour, pace and variety of the London legal scene is unmatched in Europe. That is why recruitment agencies report that they have more foreign lawyers trying to find jobs in London than they do overseas opportunities for English lawyers.

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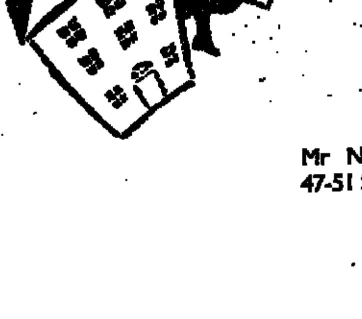

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Digging out a golden future

Mining offers an opening to several careers for engineers, from management to research and development. Derek Morgan reports

Going down a mine is a memorable experience — donning overalls, checking the lamp on your helmet, descending the shaft at speed. If you are reading this on the London Underground, your Tube tunnel is about 27 yards below ground (Hampstead on the Northern Line is the deepest station at 74 yards). In contrast, the average depth of a British coal mine is 492 yards. At the pit shaft you find the roadways are large and well-ventilated and the equipment is very high-tech.

Mining engineers have a variety of job options, many overseas, but in the United Kingdom coal offers the most opportunity. Lawrie Jackson, who is responsible for graduate recruitment at British Coal (BC), says the corporation hopes to recruit about 15 mining engineering graduates this year. "Mostly, they will be from our own sponsored student scheme, but we are open to applications from all graduate mining engineers," he says. These will go into BC's production engineering training programme.

British Coal will recruit 40 to 50 graduates for a range of functions — business management, finance, information technology, research and development and sales. BC is strong in operational research and also trains investment managers for its pension fund.

The company's mining engineers work mainly in deep mines but there are opportunities in opencast mining (the low cost recovery of shallow reserves). The jobs are different, Mr Jackson says, because "deep mining is a hands-on, direct labour job supervising BC employees. Opencast means dealing with outside contractors — it is more like project management." He stresses the high-tech nature of modern coal mining: "The capital equipment on a coal face is worth about £8 million and includes sophisticated electronics." British Coal has computer-controlled conveyor systems, and uses information technology to monitor the mine atmosphere.

The BC mining engineer can follow specialist routes but most go into production management. "Specialist engineering opportunities do exist for safety engineers, ventilation experts and state control engineers but the number of specialist jobs has declined. The overwhelming thrust of BC's recruitment is to train line managers," Mr Jackson says.

Graduates have to complete three years of practical in-company training before obtaining the statutory certificate (the first class certificate of competency) to be a mining engineer in charge of a colliery. "The job of a colliery manager has broadened considerably," Mr Jackson says.

"Business acumen is given a high priority. They lead a professional team including an accountant, a training manager, a surveyor, an assistant manager (personnel) and electrical and mechanical engineers. The job is much more than digging coal out of the ground."

There are four main UK training centres for mining engineers in higher education: Nottingham university, Leeds university, the Royal School of Mines at Imperial College, London, and the Camborne School of Mines, Cornwall.

> *'Business acumen is given a high priority. Graduates lead a professional team. The job is much more than digging coal out of the ground'*

Graduates can work in Britain in coal, oil and gas, quarrying, industrial minerals, mining finance and marketing. The options overseas are precious metals (gold and platinum); base metals (copper, lead, tin, zinc, nickel, aluminium); plus oil and gas, coal and iron ore.

Nottingham has 60 student engineers and will take about 20 for the autumn entry (45 postgraduates are doing research, many from overseas). Green concerns are prominent and students learn the skills to tackle the environmental effects of mining: visual elements, noise, dust, subsidence and water pollution.

British Coal says it has an increasing commitment to environmental concerns. At a new mine at Selby, Yorkshire, considerable effort has gone into making the colliery environmentally friendly. Graduates in opencast can create a landscape from scratch after BC finishes extraction.

Mining engineers are in demand and Nottingham's prospectus lists 15 suitable occupations. Graduates include an explosives engineer, a trainee at Mount Isa lead and zinc mine in Queensland, and operating manager in quarrying, and a mining financial consultant with an investment bank. One graduate started on a salary of £20,000 with a North Sea oil company. Europe's mining industries could open up for Britons with foreign language skills.

Mining is a multi-disciplinary degree suitable for engineering all-rounders. The typical course covers the business and finance side, giving an insight into metals markets and share markets. Applicants normally need A-level maths and physics (chemistry is the ideal third subject). Nottingham runs a foundation year for candidates without the appropriate initial qualifications.

Graduates wishing to go overseas should apply directly to the mining company on site. Overseas companies have recruitment consultants who visit colleges. Mike Davies, the director of human resources at Rio Tinto Zinc Mining and Exploration, says RTZ is highly decentralised and graduates should apply direct to RTZ mines.

Women may now work underground in the UK, and Nottingham university has offered several places to women for September. BC expects to pay £13,000 for trainees this September.

Peter Cook, aged 24, is a graduate mining engineer with British Coal at the Welbeck colliery near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. He works as a mine deputy, a supervisor responsible for men and machines. He first visited a coal mine as a schoolboy. "The team spirit was impressive and everybody was friendly," he says.

BC sponsored Mr Cook at college (he worked in opencast in Australia on vacation) and he went straight into the production training scheme. He has recently obtained the statutory certificate of competency and works underground on rotating shifts, which include night work. "Morale is good. I feel optimistic about the industry and my career," he says.

● *Department of Mining Engineering, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD (0602 484848 ext 2617). Careers weeks for sixth formers in July at Nottingham and Leeds universities. Details from Lawrie Jackson, British Coal, Eastwood Hall, Nottingham NG16 3EB.*

DAVID WORTHY

Optimistic: Peter Cook works as a graduate mining engineer

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Secretary

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MOTOR RACING

Triumph wipes the scowl off face of the champion

From NORMAN HOWELL, IN PHOENIX

AYRTON Senna was on a high. The hullabaloo was over, the dozens of television crews and hundreds of reporters who had mobbed the world champion for so long after his victory at the opening grand prix of the season had gone.

He was back in the pits, where the McLaren mechanics were packing their tools, ready to be freighted to Brazil, where the second race on the calendar will take place in ten days' time. He has shaken them all by the hand. Some are genuinely moved: Senna can be a hard task master, and by the end of last season he was abrupt, scowling, aloof. But not on Sunday.

His pit crew had slept barely ten hours in four days, and the Brazilian knew how important this victory was to them, too. He rewarded them with warmth, smiles, the human touch in a team that is often seen as too impersonal in its efficiency, clinical and cold.

Brazilian journalists who follow his every move through the season say they had never seen him like this. He was acting as if he had just won his third world title. "It was a great performance, considering I had not raced for three months. It was perfect," he said.

There was also a great deal of relief that the new car did not let him down in the US grand prix. What happened to his team-mate, Gerhard Berger, the failure of a fuel pump within the petrol tank, could have happened to him.

The spectacular accident, involving the Williams of Riccardo Patrese and the Benetton of Roberto Moreno, nearly finished his race, as the marshal did not signal the gravity of the situation as Senna swung round the blind left-hander and was confronted with cars and wreckage strewn all over the narrow circuit.

Most of the testing was done without Senna. During his three months off, went to Brazil to a newly bought house by the sea near Rio de Janeiro. This is where he did a lot of fitness training, "both for the body and for the mind", he says. "I find it very important to be near the sea, in the open air. This is where I can work on my weak points and strengthen my strong ones. I am very in tune with my body, I know what I need to win. Stamina, of course, not muscle bulk. So I run a lot, about 12 miles every day. And I am careful about food. But gearing the mind up is so important. I need this period to relax. You see I can't go home during the racing season, I have to stay in Europe. But it is unsettling for me, it is not my country. So when I am here I make the best of it. At weekends I'll stop the training and go out with friends, go to a disco, have some fun."

The notion that Senna is partial to a knees-up is one that will surprise many, those who just know his intense, frowning persona at the circuits. But like great champions there is a lot more than meets the eye. He is a man of many parts.

It could be a close championship in terms of cars and tyres. But then there is Senna. Is he really a cut above the rest? "Well," Cesare Fiorio, the team manager at Ferrari, said, "we were beaten by Senna, not by McLaren. We had Berger, didn't we? He was mixing it with the other cars, and didn't seem to have an edge on us or the others. So you see, it is Senna who makes the difference."

RESULTS FROM PHOENIX

RESULTS: 1, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 2hr 47.828sec; 2, A Prost (Fr), Ferrari, 16.322sec behind; 3, N Piquet (Br), Benetton, at 17.378; 4, S Modena (It), Tyrrell, at 25.409; 5, S Nakajima (Japan), Tyrrell, 1 lap behind; 6, A Suzuki (Japan), Lola, at two laps; 7, N Larini (It), Modena, at three laps; 8, G Tarquini (It), AGS, at four laps; 9, P Martini (It), Minardi, at six laps; 10, B Gachot (Bel), Jordan, at six laps; 11, M Brundle (GB), Brabham, at eight laps; 12, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, at nine laps. Did not finish: 13, M Hakkinen (Fin), Lotus, 22 laps remaining; 14, R Patrese (It), Williams, 32 laps; 15, R Moreno (Br), Benetton, 32 laps; 16, M Alboreto (It), Footwork, 40 laps; 17, I Capelli (It), Leyton House, 41 laps; 18, T Boutsen (Bel), Ligier, 41 laps; 19, G Berger (Austria), McLaren, 45 laps; 20, N Mansell (GB), Williams, 46 laps; 21, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton House, 47 laps; 22, M Blundell (GB), Brabham, 49 laps; 23, E Pirro (It), Dallara, 66 laps; 24, G Morbidelli (It), Minardi, 66 laps; 25, J J Lehto (Fin), Dallara, 69 laps; 26, E Bernard (Fr), Lola, 77 laps.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, Senna, 10pts; 2, Prost, 6; 3, Piquet, 4; 4, Modena, 3; 5, Nakajima, 2; 6, Suzuki, 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren, 10pts; 2, Ferrari, 6; 3, Tyrrell, 5; 4, Benetton, 4; 5, Lola, 1.

YACHTING

Ocean's swell is rough on Jeantot

From BARRY PICKTHALL
IN PUNTA DEL ESTE
URUGUAY

THE BOC single-handed round the world sailors have endured collisions, capsizes and damage, but the circumnavigator with the most harrowing story this week is Philippe Jeantot, the two-time French winner, who limped into Punta del Este late on Sunday, last in his class with sails and boat both in tatters.

Two days out, his yacht, Credit Agricole, was knocked over during a 60-knot storm in the Tasman Sea, which left him with a ripped mainsail that took 24 hours to sew up by hand. But worse was to come.

Down the Screaming Sixties, he ran headlong into a "growler" after counting 42 icebergs on radar. "Visibility was down to 120 metres. I was watching the radar when there was an enormous bang. I thought the boat was finished. I rushed up on deck and saw the pieces of ice float by." One large chunk jammed between the twin rudders for two hours, but it was not until the following day that he found the ice had also knocked two feet off the bows.

"I was very lucky the boat did not leak," he said. A few days later, the generator burned out, leaving the Frenchman with no power to drive his autopilots or heat his boat. The final straw came soon after rounding Cape Horn when his cooking gas ran out.

Jeantot was followed across the line by Yves Dupascuier, the Class 2 winner, who now holds an undisputed lead over four rivals, including Josh Hall, of Britain.

RESULTS: Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 35days 7hr 10min. Overall: 110:19.18. Positions of remaining yachts at 11.00 GMT March 11 (with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 250; 3, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 399; 4, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 595; 5, Sebago (H Roth, US), 2,886. Corinthian class: 1, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 592; 2, Global Exposure (R Davie, GB), 1,049; 3, Shutendohji (M Saito, Japan), 1,486.

Ladbroke winner all the rage as festival comes under orders

Irish plunge on The Illiad to pull off second major gamble

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Illiad, reported to have taken £2 million from the Irish bookmakers when winning The Ladbroke at Leopardstown, was yesterday the subject of another major gamble for today's Smurfit Champion Hurdle on the opening afternoon of the National Hunt festival.

Ladbrokes, William Hill and Corals all reported heavy backing for the Andy Geraghty-trained ten-year-old. Corals, having laid The Illiad to lose £100,000, have cut his price from 14-1 to 12-1. Hills have trimmed the gelding's odds from 18-1 to 14-1 and Ladbrokes from 16-1 to 12-1.

"The Irish punters have really been out in force today," said Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes. "We laid The Illiad to lose £100,000 yesterday alone. A cash punter walked into one of our betting shops in Birmingham and had £3,000 each-way on the Jim Bolger-trained Vestris Abu."

British and Irish punters are gleefully embarking on the heaviest gambling spree of the racing year. "I would estimate that £25 million per day will be bet over the three days of the festival," Dillon continued. "It just shows what happens when you put on good quality, competitive racing. It's even bigger than Royal Ascot. Our firm alone will take £1 million per race."

Fair, open and apparently unpredictable is this year's championship but yesterday's action represented the first serious betting moves for some time. Morley Street is an uneasy favourite and was generally on offer at 9-2. Beech Road, champion in 1989, varies between 5-1 and 7-1 as the nine-year-old attempts to become the only horse since Comedy Of Errors to regain the title.

Bolger: heavy support for his Vestris Abu

Toby Balding yesterday refused to be drawn about his market leaders. "I can't split them," he said. "My recurring nightmare is of Beech Road whipping round at the start and knocking Jimmy Frost off Morley Street."

Other news on the big race is that Neale Doughty has passed himself fit to ride Jinxy Jack. He will also be partnering Last 'O' The Bunch in the Arkle Challenge Trophy for Gordon Richards.

While passing on a persistent tip for Black Humour, I am going for Athy Spirit each-way. At Leopardstown, the six-year-old was carrying 11st 10lb when finishing a none-too-lucky to The Illiad, attempting to concede 11lb to the winner. Subsequently staying on when third to Nordic Surprise and Nomadic Way in the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle, Athy Spirit can become the first Irish-trained champion hurdler since Dawn Run in 1984.

Most of the chasing world, including the Queen Mother, went to St Michael and All Angels Church at Lambourn yesterday to give thanks for the life of Fulke Walwyn.

Although Cath Walwyn will have no runners during the three days at Cheltenham, the late trainer's nephew, Gordon Johnson Houghton, will be riding the strongly-fancied Master Bob for Nicky Henderson in the first running of the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup.

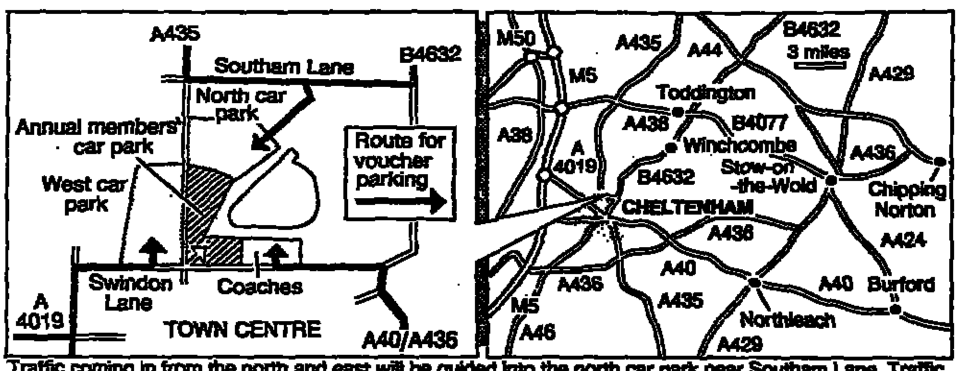
Second to Arctic Call in the Hennessy, the 11-year-old later won a handicap in good style at Cheltenham. However, I am standing on my news of the Martin Pipe-trained Omerta.

Leisure group buys Lingfield

TEN months of uncertainty ended for Lingfield Park racecourse yesterday when it was bought by a group of investors from the leisure industry.

The racecourse — which comprises both turf and all-weather tracks as well as a golf club — has been sold to Lilachaven Limited, a company set up by Pontins and Center Parcs director Trevor Hemmings and casino group chairman Nigel Kent-Lemon. No purchase figure has been disclosed.

Police hopeful of averting festival traffic snarl-ups



Traffic coming in from the north and east will be guided into the north car park near Southam Lane. Traffic from the south and west will use the west car park off Swindon Lane. Traffic on the A40 from the London direction will be signposted away from the A40 at Northleach across country to Stow-on-the-Wold, Toddington, Winchcombe and then into the car park in Southam Lane

By GEORGE RAE

POLICE were confident yesterday that the traffic problems which once dogged the Cheltenham festival have been solved.

For the three-day meeting, which begins this afternoon, the Gloucestershire police and the Automobile Association have implemented a comprehensive system of signs and diversions to keep the traffic moving.

"We refine our plan each year and this is the best yet," chief inspector John Larkin said yesterday. "We cannot guarantee there will be no delays but I believe we can keep them to a minimum."

Larkin's problem is twofold: the increase in volume of traffic for the festival and the inefficiency of the approach roads. "Cheltenham racecourse has been built in an unsuitable location, at least as far as motorists are concerned, and served by an unsuitable road system which at rush hour is already full of commuters," he says. "When you superimpose race traffic on that, some problems are inevitable.

"The festival brings in around 12,000 extra cars each day, in addition to another 300 coaches, 150 mini-buses and all the taxis which come and go from the racecourse."

Larkin's plan to prevent traffic snarling up is to keep it away from the town centre. "Anyone who ends up in Cheltenham itself can expect to sit in a traffic jam. Motorists should be guided by the diversion signs which will indicate a clearer route.

"Although the diversions take the drivers further they are strongly advised to follow them because they will at least keep moving. We work on taking three hours to get everyone in and two hours to get them out. It's longer going in because people arrive over a longer period.

"I think two hours to get all the vehicles out of the course is excellent, although whoever is at the back of the queue probably wouldn't agree with me."

For anyone unfortunate enough to be stuck in a jam this week, there is a crumb of consolation. From next year there will be a new coach park, freeing the old site for a hard-standing car park and speeding the flow of traffic off the roads. Cheltenham, that home of riotous celebration, can again be famous for bottles instead of bottlenecks.

Celtic Shot value in Gold Cup

By GERALD HUBBARD
THE TIMES PRIVATE HANDICAPPER

DESERT Orchid is as good as ever but he has yet to produce his best at Cheltenham. Consequently, Celtic Shot, the 1988 champion hurdle winner, could prove a potent threat in the Gold Cup on Thursday.

Norton's Coin has not reproduced his 1990 Gold Cup form but his run behind Celtic Shot this year indicated that his victory was far from a total fluke.

Cool Ground has shown much-improved form and there may be more in the locker, though he does need to make further progress to rival Celtic Shot and Desert Orchid. Twin Oaks has shown relentless stamina but this represents an appreciable step-up in class. Though the veteran grey has to be top-rated, I fear Celtic Shot may profit from his vulnerability at Cheltenham.

In today's Champion Hurdle, Morley Street is the official handicapper's view of the best hurdler. While I concur with his opinion, his status is heavily reliant on a fast-ground victory over two-and-a-half miles at Liverpool. Indeed, a line through Joyful Noise suggests that he has little in hand of Athy Spirit and the latter represents value.

Beech Road was unsuited by the fast ground in last season's Champion Hurdle, but he has failed to produce his very best form this year. Jinxy Jack turned in a sparkling "paper" performance on his reversion to hurdles at Kelso, but he may have been flattered by a combination of heavy ground and a small field. There should be little between Nomadic Way and Sondrio at revised weights, but both would seem to be held by Morley Street.

Tomorrow, the two-mile Queen Mother Champion Chase should be fought out by Waterloo Boy and Young Snugfit, with marginal preference for the former. The Coral Golden Hurdle final often reveals startling improvement in the winner, but Celtic Barle is well treated and should go close. Al Hashimi was clear of a decent field when runner-up to Sabin Du Loir recently and, unless he was grossly flattered by that running, he should prove hard to beat in the Mildmay Handicap Chase.

On Thursday, the Triumph Hurdle had looked to be dominated by Nordic Surprise (a runner today) and Crystal Spirit. In their probable absences, Hopscotch is top-rated. The County Hurdle may lie between Imperial Brush and Welsh Bard, with preference going to the latter.

☐ *Lynda Ramsden was fined £300 by the Jockey Club yesterday after traces of the prohibited substance Procaine was found in her hurdler Surefoot Sillars, who was disqualified from first place after winning at Nottingham on November 6.*

BASKETBALL

Baker waiting for his star to rise

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THE slim shoulders of Stedroy Baker might carry a greater responsibility than ever on behalf of Thames Valley Tigers in the forthcoming weeks. With their club captain, Paul James, stil recovering from badly damaged ankle ligaments, the Berkshire club is retaining Baker as chief point guard when the jostling resumes in earnest this week for prime positions in the Carlsberg Championship play-offs.

The Tigers only need one victory to ensure home advantage in the play-offs, but with home and away league fixtures against Manchester Giants, who have already beaten them once in the Carlsberg League, and a visit on Saturday to Leicester City Riders, their conquerors in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals, nothing is certain.

In the absence of James, it is as well for Tigers that they have in the 5ft 8in Baker the most slippery replacement. "I have been very impressed with Stedroy," David Titmuss, the Tigers' coach, said after his team's 110-97 defeat at Sunderland on Sunday. "He has

For all Baker's darting runs between opponents' legs, Sunderland still made a triumphant return to Wearside after their Coca-Cola Cup success. Russ Saunders shook off Baker's attentions long enough to hit 18 points, to add to Clyde Vaughan's 36 and Steve Bucknall's 25, but in a game of five technical fouls, Baker's thrusts threatened the joyful homecoming. With six minutes left, Tigers had drawn level at 72-72.

Leicester, who will be hoping to avenge their cup final defeat against Sunderland in tomorrow's home league game, will need to perform a lot better than in Saturday's match against Kingston. The champions led by 35 points at one stage, prevented Leicester from scoring for five minutes at the start of the second half and used their bench players liberally before winning, much as they pleased, 93-70.

London Docklands added to Leicester's embarrassment by leading them the following afternoon before succumbing 102-91.

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Nash has successful Brecon raid

By BRIAN BEEL

CHRIS Nash made the long journey from Wantage to the Brecon point-to-point on Saturday and saddled three winners. His wife Pip was riding two of these, Chance Buy in the ladies' open and Ixor in first division of the restricted.

The other winner, Jimster, was ridden by her brother Tim Jones in the second division of the open after he had already taken the first on Red Timber.

The rider, however, who stole the show was 16-year-old Guy Lewis, who showed the skill of a veteran in judging the pace, coming from behind in both the adjacent, to win on Blinkin Nora, and the second division of the maiden, where he outrode Jones on the run-in to win on Channel Pastime.

Philip Scholfield maintained his clear lead for the championship with successes on Ballyeden in the open at the Western and in the adjacent on 15-year-old Never Deemed, who was winning his third race this season. Making a spirited challenge to Scholfield, however, is Nigel Bloom, the most successful rider of the afternoon, with a treble at the Dunston Harriers.

Conditions were testing at the Avon Vale where Gunners Flight was the most impressive winner. Robert Alner took Bernard Pike's mare clear from the thirteenth and Jonathan Sprake could never get in any real challenge on the useful Royal Buskins.

After being tailed off and pulled up at the eighth in a hunter chase at Wincanton on Thursday, Music Minstrel made a quick comeback and made all, under Justin Farthing, in the Land Rover qualifier at the Silverton. Farthing went on to complete a double on Our Jackie in the first division of the maiden.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.10 Air Music. 2.40 Erris Express. 3.10 Predictable. 3.40 Go Executive. 4.10 Windsor Park. 4.40 Dearest.

By Thunderer

2.10 Air Music. 2.40 Erris Express. 3.10 Sarum. 3.40 Able Jet. 4.10 Windsor Park. 4.40 Matomani.

Going: standard

Draw: 6f-7f, low numbers best

2.10 WATERINGBURY APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES (£2,564: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1 626- ROBBIE BURNS 19J R Smyth 5-9-1 ... A Martinez (5) 5
2 530- AIR MUSIC 209 (F) C Brittain 4-9-0 ... B Doyle 3
3 -456 ELHUDHUD 25 (B,BF) R Stubbs 4-9-0 ... — 12
4 606- FIRST HOME 87 Pat Mitchell 4-9-0 ... Sarah Chittenden (5) 11
5 0- GOLD TRUST 122 P Makin 4-9-0 ... T Sprake 9
6 500- PRESET 75J J Spearing 4-9-0 ... Gavin Husband 7
7 33-0 PRIMATICE 25 D Jermy 4-9-0 ... Alex Greaves 4
8 3/0- SHOUT OUT 174 C Nelson 4-9-0 ... D Holland 10
9 605/ CURIOUS FEELING 28J J Bosley 5-8-10 ... A Tucker 2
10 6205 DANCING BREEZE 18 Pat Mitchell 4-8-9 ... Ron Hillis 8
11 2263 PRINCESS ROXANNE 27 (B) A Bailey 4-8-9 ... Dawn Ingle (5) 1
12 46-0 TAMISE 11 J White 4-8-9 ... R Price 6

4-7 Air Music, 4-1 Preset, 8-1 Tamise, 10-1 Dancing Breeze, 14-1 Robbie Burns, 20-1 others.

2.40 TONBRIDGE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,521: 6f) (8)

1 3141 ERRIS EXPRESS 3 (C,D,F,G) F Durr 6-9-5 .. G Baxter 8
2 1521 SALLY'S SON 3 (V,CD,F) W O'Gorman 5-9-5 ... Emma O'Gorman (5) 1
3 5663 COUNT ME OUT 36 (B,C,D,F) R Hoad 6-8-13 G Carter 5
4 006/ STORMY PRAISE 421J W G M Turner 7-8-13 ... S Hawkins (7) 2
5 /06- MIDSUMMER BREEZE 252 (F) J Baker 4-8-9 N Adams 8
6 0021 WALLANGRIFF 13 (B,D) N Callaghan 3-8-4 ... D Holland (5) 7
7 5 MISS BROUGHTON 7 W Musson 3-8-0 ... A Mackay 3
8 563- BEAU DADA 147 (D,BF,F) J White 3-7-11 S Wood (3) 4

7-4 Sally's Son, 100-30 Erris Express, 9-2 Wallangriff, 6-1 Beau Dada, 8-1 Miss Broughton, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: W O'Gorman, 11 winners from 42 runners, 26.2%; N Callaghan 6 from 23, 26.1%; D Murray Smith, 10 from 50, 20.0%; P Makin 3 from 18, 16.7%; C Brittain 4 from 26, 15.4%; R O'Sullivan 7 from 45, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: G Husband 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; Emma O'Gorman 9 from 35, 25.7%; Alex Greaves 7 from 32, 21.9%; G Duffield 19 from 94, 20.2%; R Wernham 8 from 41, 19.5%. (Only qualifiers).

3.10 GOODWINS HANDICAP (£3,106: 7f) (9)

1 -111 PREDICTABLE 17 (C,D,G) Mrs A Knight 5-9-10 ... Alex Greaves (3) 8
2 02-3 SOLOMONS NEPHEW 3 (F) J Scargill 4-8-13 ... K Rutter (7) 1
3 20-8 ORCHARD'S PET 7 (B,F) W G M Turner 5-8-9 ... J Williams 5
4 -303 SCOTS LAW 10 (C,D,F) R O'Sullivan 4-8-7 G Duffield 6
5 205- ZINBAQ 110 C Benstead 5-7-11 ... S Wood (3) 3
6 063- TYRIAN 166J J Baker 4-7-11 ... S Dawson 2
7 -204 SERGEANT MERYLL 35 (CD,G,S) P Howling 7-7-11 ... N Adams 4
8 6-16 JUST A LOOK 13 (B,D) D Murray Smith 3-7-10 J Quinn 5
9 4132 SARUM 7 (C,F) C Wildman 5-7-7 ... B Doyle (7) 7

Evens Predictable, 7-2 Just A Look, 5-1 Sarum, 8-1 Orchard's Pet, 12-1 Scots Law, 14-1 others.

3.40 SPRING HANDICAP (£4,386: 6f) (4)

1 -213 ASSIGNMENT 21 (CD,F) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-9-10 ... T Quinn 2
2 621- GO EXECUTIVE 270 (B,D,G) C Brittain 3-9-7 ... R Cochrane 3
3 -612 MY SCENE 24 (CD) C Austin 5-8-2 ... B Doyle (7) 4
4 2321 ABLE JET 7 (C,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-0 (7ex) ... A Munro 1

6-4 Able Jet, 2-1 My Scene, 7-2 Assignment, 5-1 Go Executive.

4.10 PANTILES HANDICAP (£2,733: 1m 4f) (6)

1 01/0 ALLIED FORCE 7 (D,G) A Denson 9-10-0. W Newnes 1
2 4462 WINDSOR PARK 10 (CD,BF,G) R O'Sullivan 5-9-3 ... R Cochrane 3
3 1150 RUSSIAN RED 7 (C,BF) W Wightman 4-9-0 J Williams 5
4 5-05 INDIAN FLUTE 7 W Musson 4-8-2 ... A Mackay 2
5 /0-6 CHIC CAROLE 13 R Ingram 5-7-7 ... S Wood (3) 4
6 -605 NOCTURNAL REVERIE 13 T Naughton 4-7-7 ... D Holland (5) 6

2-1 Windsor Park, 100-30 Russian Red, 4-1 Indian Flute, 6-1 Nocturnal Reverie, 8-1 Chic Carole, 12-1 Allied Force.

4.40 TUNBRIDGE WELLS HANDICAP (£2,651: 1m 2f) (14)

1 66-1 DEAREST 11 P Cole 4-9-10 ... T Quinn 8
2 00/4 TEACHER'S DRAM 11 R Dickin 5-9-9 D Meredith (7) 12
3 00-5 MATOMANI 10 D Murray Smith 4-8-7 ... R Wernham 6
4 0-40 RUIZ MIGUEL 10 L Cottrell 5-9-3 ... N Adams 11
5 4324 HAND PAINTED 10 J Pearce 7-8-1 ... J Williams 3
6 00-5 O'BERON'S DAUGHTER 21J R Thompson 4-8-13 ... A Forte 10
7 -640 SWEET 'N' LOW 19 (V) M Tompkins 4-8-11 ... R Cochrane 7
8 00-0 CROSBY PLACE 10 (CD,F) M Haynes 5-8-10 ... W Newnes 5
9 /30- NORBERWEN 374 J O'Donoghue 4-8-8 ... Emma O'Gorman (5) 4
10 40-0 SPANISH WHISPER 18J (F) J Bostock 4-8-6 ... T Sprake (5) 2
11 60-0 MASTER TYKE 49 (C,G) R Hoad 6-8-6 ... T Sprake (5) 1
12 0/40 BONDAID 10 J White 7-8-4 ... R Price (5) 14
13 00-0 KACHINA MAID 7 (F) Mrs A Knight 6-7-12 S Wood (3) 9
14 4400 TO BE FAIR 13 (V,F) J Scargill 4-7-10 ... J Quinn 13

11-4 Dearest, 3-1 Matomani, 9-2 Hand Painted, 6-1 Ruiz Miguel, 8-1 Sweet 'N' Low, 10-1 Crosby Place, 12-1 others.

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LINGFIELD PARK: 2.10 Air Music. 3.40 Go Executive.

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Morley Street has strong claims

By MANDARIN
(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

ITH Morley Street and ech Road representing him, oby Balding has a good ance of saddling the first o home in the Smurfit hampion Hurdle at Chelten- m today.

My preference is for Morley reet and I suspect it is alding's too, although he is luctant to commit himself ublicly.

When pressed on the point aring a recent conversation, said: "I have a very high gard for Morley Street deed."

He also said that he is not rturbed by the recent rain as r as Morley Street is con- rned, because the horse won hen the ground was even softer at Liverpool two years ago.

On the corresponding occasion last year, Beech Road finished fourth, one place ahead of his stable companion, but there were excuses for both. The ground was too firm for Beech Road while Morley Street was not 100 per cent following a setback.

The good that race did him became evident at Liverpool where he ran away with the Aintree Hurdle for his regular partner, Jimmy Frost.

This time the two challengers from Fyfield should be spot on after their respective recent races at Fontwell and Newbury.

While Morley Street did not please everyone at Newbury, it must be said that it was his first race since his holiday away from Fyfield. And he blatantly needed it, judged on the way that he blew afterwards.

That holiday followed a disastrous steeplechasing career that ended in tatters at Kempton on Boxing Day.

Last autumn, though, Morley Street was in commanding form on both sides of the Atlantic; in the United States, where he ran away with the Breeder's Cup and at Ascot, where he oozed class when giving the versatile Sabin Du Noir 10lb and a beating.

It is that ability that makes Morley Street the best horse in today's field on his day. At the end of what is bound to be a strongly-run race, he has both the speed and stamina to succeed.

The strong pace is likely to be set by Peter Scudamore on Sondrio, who made all the running to win the Supreme Novices at the festival two years ago.

More recently, he was never headed when accounting for Riverhead and Nomadic Way at Haydock. Scudamore was obviously impressed because he soon discarded last year's Champion runner-up, Nomadic Way.

The champion jockey has also ridden Voyage Sans Retour, the conqueror of Fidway at Sandown, and Black Humour, who has been sparkling at home recently.

Black Humour appeals as a sporting bet to finish in the first four as does last year's sixth, Jinxy Jack.

There was a time when Irish trainers used to farm the Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle. More recently, though, the invaders have been kept at bay.

With General Idea and Nordic Surprise both in the field, the Irish will have plenty going for them this time. However, I have no intention of opposing Morley Street's younger brother, Granville Again, who is napped to trigger a fine family double.

I'm aware that Granville Again was beaten by General Idea in a bumper in Ireland last year. He was, however, such an impressive winner at Kempton last month that I confidently expect him to get the festival off to a good start for Pipe and Scudamore, who also stand a good chance of winning the Bonusprint Stayers' Hurdle with Run For Free.

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 GRANVILLE AGAIN (nap).
2.50 Remittance Man.
3.30 Morley Street.
4.05 Run for Free.
4.40 Master Bob.
5.15 Another Coral.

By Thunderer
2.15 Nordic Surprise.
2.45 Last 'O' The Bunch.
3.30 Nomadic Way.
4.05 Mutare.
4.40 MISTER HARTIGAN (nap).
5.15 Tresidder.

By Michael Seely
3.30 Athy Spirit. 4.40 OMERTA (nap). 5.15 Ebony Star.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 REMITTANCE MAN.

oing: good to soft (soft patches) SIS

15 TRAFALGAR HOUSE SUPREME NOVICES HURDLE (Grade I: £36,567: 2m) (21 runners) BBC1

8P-1142	BOOK OF GOLD 46 (D,F,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 5-11-8	D Murphy	74
9U-113	BOUNDEN DUTY 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Sitton) G Harwood 5-11-8	M Perrett	80
0-3110	CHARLTON YEOMAN 11 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs H Aswan) J Gifford 6-11-8	E McKinley	71
00/122F	CHESTER TERRACE 38 (D,S) (R Brookhouse) K Bridgwater 7-11-8	A Carroll	63
1-1	DESTRIERO 78 (D,S) (Mrs E Furlong) A Geraghty 5-11-8	P McWilliams	71
32251-3	DONE INSTANTLY 12 (F,S) (R Larkin) P Mullins (Ire) 6-11-8	Mr T Mullins	—
242-112	GAASID 17 (D,BF,F,G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 6-11-8	L Harvey	89
511-211	GENERAL IDEA 24 (D,G,S) (Dr M Smurfit) D Weld (Ire) 6-11-8	B Sheridan	89
613	GRAN ALBA 10 (D,BF,G) (D Thompson) R Hannon 5-11-8	G McCourt	75
12-2111	GRANVILLE AGAIN 17 (D,F,G,S) (E Scarth) M Pipe 5-11-8	P Scudamore	97
15	HURRICANE HUGO 18 (D,BF,S) (Balbrae Developments Ltd) J Gifford 5-11-8.	E Murphy	82
6-14	JOHNNY WILL 103 (D,BF,G) (Lord Chelsea) Miss H Knight 6-11-8	J Osborne	83
5-PP	LUTHIOR 22 (B) (T Painting) R Simpson 5-11-8	W Morris	—
11311	NEW DUDS 10 (CD,F,S) (R Brichert) M Pipe 7-11-8	J Lower	83
F4-211	SABAKI RIVER 46 (CD,G,S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 7-11-8	B Powell	85
22	SHANNON GLEN 18 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-8	M Pitman	89
31-00	STORM ISLAND 8 (G) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 6-11-8	N Williamson	80
02242	TASMAN OAK 11 (A Stennett) Mrs S Oliver 5-11-8	R Hyett	56
213134	TRIMLOUGH 11 (D,G,S) (T Wragg) P Dalton 6-11-8	J J Quinn	75
131220	VICEROY JESTER 17 (D,F,S) (F Broom) R Holder 6-11-8	N Mann	74
14411	NORDIC SURPRISE 37 (D,S) (E Kearns) J Bolger (Ire) 4-11-0	Mr E J Kearns	● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Granville Again, 7-2 General Idea, 4-1 Nordic Surprise, 11-2 Destriero, 11-1 Gaasid, New Duds, 16-1 Bounden Duty, Gran Alba, 20-1 Book Of Gold, 25-1 Shannon Glen, 33-1 others.

1990: FOREST SUN 5-11-8 J Frost (7-4 fav) G Balding 18 ran

ORM FOCUS BOOK OF GOLD running-on ½l 2nd to ng in grade II race at Doncaster (2m 150yd, with VICEROY JESTER 20l 3rd. Previously Change The Act ¾l at Sandown (2m, good to

NDEN DUTY beat Welsh Commander 25l on imate start in a handicap at Towcester (2m, d). DESTRIERO beat Wolver Sovereign 12l on ing debut at Leopardstown (2m, heavy). GAA- beat New York Rainbow 10l on penultimate start empton (2m, good), with GRAN ALBA 20½l 5th. NERAL IDEA probably the best National Hunt flat e winner in Ireland last season, beat GRANVILLE AIN 5l at Phoenix Park (2m, good) last May. Impressed when beating Mad Tom 6l at Leopardstown (2m 2l, soft to heavy). GRAN ALBA 5½l 3rd to Imperial Brush in a handicap at Newbury (2m 100yd).

GRANVILLE AGAIN fast-improving individual who beat GAASID (7lb better off) 15l in grade II race at Kempton (2m, good) with BOUNDEN DUTY, returning from a lengthy absence, 8l 3rd and VICEROY JESTER well-beaten 7th. Should go close. NEW DUDS beat Your Well 8l at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). Continues on the upgrade. NORDIC SURPRISE put up superb performance for an inexperienced horse when beating Nomadic Way 3l in the grade I Wessel Cable Champion hurdle at Leopardstown (2m, good to yielding).

Selection: NORDIC SURPRISE (nap)

0 WATERFORD CASTLE ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (Grade I: £42,927: 2m) (14 runners) BBC1

20505-2	BARKISLAND 8 (D) (J Veitch) J Edwards 7-11-8	N Williamson	80
1332-22	BUCK WILLOW 60 (D,F,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 7-11-8	D Murphy	77
1S-F01U	DEVIL'S VALLEY 16 (B,BF,S) (Mrs A Gavenoni) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-8	M Pitman	84
41/2112	DUKE DE VENDOME 75 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S T Jones) Mrs D Haine 8-11-8	S Smith Eccles	70
318431	FIRIONS LAW 24 (D,S) (Mrs M Quinn) V Bowens (Ire) 6-11-8	K O'Brien	89
3-31331	GENERAL JAMES 52 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Brown) J Gifford 8-11-8	G Bradley	72
111F34	GEOSTAR 17 (D,F,G) (W Morgan) J Leigh 7-11-8	Gary Lyons	80
0-11111	LAST 'O' THE BUNCH 10 (D,F,G,S) (G Middlebrook) G Richards 7-11-8.	N Doughty	80
F-81812	MONUMENTAL LAD 17 (D,G,S) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 8-11-8	R Bellamy	75
110-1U1	MY YOUNG MAN 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs W Tulloch) C Brooks 6-11-8	J Osborne	88
12F034	REDUNDANT PAL 10 (D,BF,S) (P O'Neill) P Mullins (Ire) 8-11-8	C O'Dwyer	79
2-11111	REMITTANCE MAN 17 (D,F,G,S) (J Collins) N Henderson 7-11-8	R Dunwoody	● 99
2-11111	UNCLE ERNIE 10 (D,G,S) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-8	M Dwyer	89
636F11	ORBIS 8 (G,S) (E Kearns) J Bolger (Ire) 5-11-0	C Swan	87

ETTING: 2-1 Remittance Man, 5-2 Uncle Ernie, 9-2 Last 'O' The Bunch, 11-1 Orbis, 16-1 My Young 20-1 Buck Willow, Devil's Valley, 25-1 Barkisland, Firions Law, Redundant Pal, 40-1 others.

1990: COMANDANTE 6-11-8 Peter Hobbs (9-2) J Gifford 14 ran

RM FOCUS BARKISLAND ran well for long way 12l 2nd to Pataco at Windsor (2m 5f, good to DEVIL'S VALLEY would have won but for un- rider at the last at Leicester (2m 4f, good to arlier beat Sea Island 8l at Fontwell (2m 2f good to soft).

DE VENDOME beat Knockenrole 1½l on penul- start at Uttoxeter (2m, good). FIRIONS LAW an improved performance to beat Kindly King eopardstown (2m 4f, soft to heavy).

AL JAMES beat Blue Bourbon 25l at Kemp- n, good), a race in which MY YOUNG MAN ear when unseating rider at the 6th. MY YOUNG MAN subsequently beat 25l Up-A-Point at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good).

LAST 'O' THE BUNCH well-regarded individual who had little difficulty in beating Johnny's Slipper a distance at Haydock (2m, soft). REMITTANCE MAN brilliant jumper who holds favourite's chance. Beat MONUMENTAL LAD (4lb worse off) by 30l at Kempton (2m 4f, good) last time, with GEOSTAR 24l last of the four finishers. UNCLE ERNIE beat Barley Mow 15l at Hereford (2m, good). Earlier beat BUCK WILLOW (4lb worse off) 4l in grade II race at Ascot (2m, good to soft). ORBIS beat Garamycin 5l at Fairyhouse (2m 6f, yielding to soft).

Selection: REMITTANCE MAN

SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Grade I: £81,790: 2m) (24 runners) BBC1

RUNNERS & RIDERS — SEE RIGHT

Festival course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
rn	2	8	25.0
ng	5	26	19.2
erson	5	32	15.6
lson	4	34	11.8
d	6	56	10.7
wood	3	29	10.3

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Guest	2	7	28.6
M Perrett	2	12	16.7
M Bowlby	2	15	13.3
R Dunwoody	6	51	11.8
T Carmody	2	20	10.0

(Only qualifiers)

SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin
2.05 Top Soil.
2.35 Annicombe Run.
3.05 Wait You There.
3.40 Church Warden.
4.15 Unex-Plained.
4.50 Fast Cruise.

By Thunderer
2.05 King's Crusade.
2.35 Purple Silk.
3.05 Wait You There.
3.35 Church Warden.
4.15 Sword Beach.
4.50 Fast Cruise.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.40 Fibreguide Tech.

g: good to soft SIS

HN WADE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,925: 2m) (18 runners)

-0PF	PRINCIPAL 7 (B) (Principal Racing) P Blockley 9-11-10	C Kellett	92
F002	FIESOLE 7 (CD,S) (R Wheeler) G Moore 5-11-1	N Bentley (7)	97
9-0P0	OXFORD PLACE 34 (V,D,G,S) (Mrs V Hague) Ronald Thompson 7-11-0	M Lease (7)	—
-6423	KING'S CRUSADE 71 (G) (D Stephens) D Wintle 8-10-11	C Gibbons (7)	91
-P56	NANCY ARDROSS 7 (D) (A Dawson) J Haldane 5-10-10	A Merrigan	94
000	HELLO TROUBLE 41 (B Atwood) Mrs P Sly 7-10-8	F Murtagh (7)	80
00F	SEMINOFF 7 (D Dunbar) P Monteith 5-10-8	L O'Hara (3)	93
0201	TOPSOIL 7 (B,CD,S) (G Williams) D Wintle 9-10-6	W Marston (7)	● 99
2005/	CAPRICORN BLUE 690 (W Barker) W Barker 8-10-5	G Harker	—
5P00	ALI MOURAD 13 (B,D,F) (Mrs C Griffin) C Smith 8-10-5	Mr M Ranger (7)	90
P604	FOUR ALLS LADY 6 (W Price) J Wainwright 5-10-0	R Marley	93
P60	RUPERT'S DAUGHTER 20 (K Holder) Mrs J Jordan 8-10-0	—	—
620	ACE OF DIAMONDS 43 (F Storey) F Storey 5-10-0	B Storey	92
080	STEVEN JOHN 60 (V) (P Brennan) D Topley 4-10-0	P Carr (7)	87
5000	KIRKLEES ROCK 14 (Kirklees Ltd) J Eyre 4-10-0	C Grant	82
/P-0	OUR HERO 17 (D Cook) W Storey 6-10-0	K Doolan	—
0000	BISHOPSFORD 20 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 5-10-0	Miss T Waggott (7)	93
/400/	STAINTON GYPSY 1149 (J Haynes) J Haynes 9-10-0	R Hodge (7)	—

g handicap: Rupert's Daughter 9-12, Ace Of Diamonds 9-11, Steven John 9-11, Kirklees Rock 9-10, 9-9, Bishopsford 9-7, Stainton Gypsy 8-13.

TING: 7-2 Topsoil, 4-1 Fiesole 9-2 King's Crusade, 6-1 Nancy Ardross, 8-1 Ace Of Diamonds, 10-1 1, 12-1 Principal, Ali Mourad, 14-1 Steven John, 16-1 others.

1990: D'OR'S GEM 7-11-0 C Kellett (25-1) P Blockley 13 ran

cEWANS 80 SHILLING TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

	CROWN EYEGLASS 636F (Crown Eyeglass Plc) T Tate 5-11-0	D Byrne	—
355-0	SAUCY TOUCH 8 (R Swiers) R Swiers 5-11-0	Mr S Swiers	—
1335	ANNICOMBE RUN 13 (BF,G) (T Curry) R Lee 7-10-13	W McFarland	96
-253	PURPLE SILK 13 (Mrs E Owen) E Owen jun 7-10-9	S Davies (3)	● 99
0552	HOLDFORTH 8 (R Coleman) Denys Smith 4-10-7	C Grant	94
100	INCONCLUSIVE 6 (G) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 4-10-7	J O'Gorman (5)	—
	SHARP CHALLENGE (J Wade) J Wade 4-10-7	K Jones	—

TING: 5-4 Annicombe Run, 6-4 Purple Silk, 8-1 Crown Eyeglass, 12-1 Holdforth, 16-1 Inconclusive. cy Touch, 33-1 Sharp Challenge.

1990: ROYAL MILE 6-11-5 A Heywood (4-6 fav) W A Stephenson 5 ran

4.5 BONUSPRINT STAYERS HURDLE (Grade I: £45,610: 3m 1f) (16 runners) BBC2

401	12F/0F0	BUCKSKIN'S BEST 11 (S) (D Holder) R Dickin 9-11-10	S Earle	—
402	22-6065	CALABRESE 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Fagan) N Henderson 6-11-10	J White	79
403	4-62222	CALAPAEZ 38 (C,F,G,S) (T Blake) Miss B Sanders 7-11-10	B Powell	80
404	1116-3F	CASH IS KING 73 (B,BF,F,G,S) (M Myers) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-10	M Bowlby	84
405	22-3241	DO BE BRIEF 14 (B,G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10	M Pitman	75
406	36200-4	GALMOY 18 (CD,G,S) (Miss D Threadwell) J Mulhern (Ire) 12-11-10	T Carmody	74
407	F0F662	GRAND HABIT 25 (S) (I Stewart-Brown) H de Bromhead (Ire) 7-11-10	C O'Dwyer	69
408	5413	HOLDING SCENT 27 (BF,S) (Maj V McCalmont) M Morris (Ire) 5-11-10	C Swan	69
409	3/5-1082	JIMBALOU 20 (F,G,S) (M Davies) R Brazington 8-11-10	R Beggan	84
410	13F0-32	JUDGES FANCY 118 (G,S) (J Scott) C Tinkler 7-11-10	R Supple	85
411	422114	KING'S CURATE 30 (CD,BF,S) (C Ellis) S Mellor 7-11-10	M Perrett	86
412	5-11182	MUTARE 46 (S) (M Buckley) N Henderson 6-11-10	R Dunwoody	93
413	2F/109-F	OLD DUNDALK 129 (V,G) (M Walsh) D Murray Smith 7-11-10	S Smith Eccles	86
414	0-21121	PRAGADA 18 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M McGloin) J Gifford 8-11-10	D Murphy	93
415	46-1121	RUN FOR FREE 20 (C,F,G,S) (R Freathy) M Pipe 7-11-10	P Scudamore	● 99
416	841665	OLNISTAR 11 (G,S) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-11-5	G McCourt	71

BETTING: 13-8 Run For Free, 9-2 Kings Curate, 6-1 Mutare, 8-1 Jimbalou, 10-1 Do Be Brief, 12-1 Holding Scent, Pragada, 16-1 Galmoy, 22-1 Cash Is King, 25-1 Calabrese, 33-1 Calapaez, Old Dundalk, 100-1 others.

1990: TRAPPER JOHN 6-11-10 C Swan (15-2) M Morris (Ire) 22 ran

FORM FOCUS CASH IS KING, poor form over fences this season, 8l 6th to Trapper John in this race last season (good to firm), with PRAGADA 8½l 8th, GALMOY 11th and OLD DUNDALK 12th.

DO BE BRIEF returned to winning form when beating Polish 7l at Nottingham (3m, good to soft). GALMOY, winner of this race in 1987 and 1988, ran well over inadequate trip when 20½l 4th to Just Sublime at Naas (2m, heavy).

HOLDING SCENT ran with promise when 2½l 3rd to Dirty Diana at Thurles (2m 6f, yielding). JUDGES FANCY 15l 2nd to Twin Oaks at Ayr (3m 2l, soft). KING'S CURATE staying-on 11l 4th to Rouyan in a handicap at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, good), with CALABRESE (9lb worse off) 9l 7th and BUCKSKIN'S BEST 11th. Earlier beat Banker's Gossip 12l at Ascot (3m, soft), with DO BE BRIEF (5lb worse off) 5l 4th. MUTARE 3½l 2nd to Crystal Spirit in grade I race over 2m 4f (good) here, with JIMBALOU (same terms) 13l 5th and CALABRESE tailed off in 8th.

OLD DUNDALK 16l 3rd to Battalion on final start at Ascot (3m, firm) last season. PRAGADA in good form over fences this season, putting up performance when beating Whats The Crack 5l at Kempton (3m, good). Decent hurdler on his day. RUN FOR FREE beat JIMBALOU (7lb worse off) 6l at Warwick (2m 5f, good to soft), with CALABRESE 20½l 8th. OLNISTAR just over 8l 3rd to Young Seward at Newbury (3m 120yd, good to soft), with CALABRESE 10½l 5th and BUCKSKIN'S BEST 8th.

Selection: RUN FOR FREE

4.40 FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £18,156: 3m) (19 runners)

501	2F11-15	ALL JEFF 10 (F,G,S) (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 7-11-10	J Durkan	90
502	P13-221	MASTER BOB 95 (V,CD,F,G,S) (I Willis) N Henderson 11-11-4.	G Johnson Houghton	● 99
503	53-0P46	BIRLING JACK 10 (D,S) (Mrs J Peutherer) J Edwards 10-10-8	P Fenton	85
504	/4/815P-	OMERTA 381 (C,D,BF,G,S) (Mrs E McMorrow) M Pipe 11-10-6	F Mennier (5)	95
505	15153P	THE LANGHOLM DYER 59 (CD,F,G,S) (Edinburgh Ltd) G Richards 12-10-5	M Armytage	89
506	4-06822	ACE OF SPIES 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Sporting Circle Racing) Mrs G Jones 10-10-1	C Farrell (7)	86
507	1223UF	IMADYNA 18 (CD,F) (Sir Eric Parker) D Barons 9-10-1	G Oxley	85
508	P31-PP4	GLENSIDE JERRY 8 (V,D,F,G,S) (O Jones) G Balding 11-10-8	B Mullins (5)	87
509	8P1-UP2	MISTER HARTIGAN 13 (D,S) (Mrs E Ellis) J Edwards 11-10-0	K Johnson	95
510	231431	GOLDEN MINSTREL 40 (CD,F,G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 12-10-0..	C Bonnett-Wells (7)	90
511	5-41314	ON THE TWIST 10 (D,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 9-10-0	J Berry	93
512	003-606	RAISE AN ARGUMENT 16 (G,S) (J Poynton) J J O'Neill 12-10-0	P Dempsey	86
513	242241	HIGH EDGE GREY 18 (D,F,G,S) (J Stone) K Oliver 10-10-0	Miss S Forster (7)	88
514	4256/20	GOLDEN CZAR 45 (S) (G Gray) D Murray Smith 9-10-0	F J Flood	88
515	3241U2	DIE BROKE 40 (C,D,BF,S) (Pall-mall Partners) A Turnell 7-10-0	J Rees (7)	89
516	2-11U03	SAMSUN 12 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs G Rodwell) J Webber 9-10-0	J Bradburne (5)	78
517	1/1222-P	MOUNT OLIVER 13 (V,D,F,G,S) (D Smith) R Dickin 13-10-0	B Leavy (7)	72
518	/4P-P03	WHARRY BURN 49 (G,S) (Mrs G McFerran) T Forster 10-10-0	R Farrant (7)	83
519	418631	MOE GREENE 4 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Gall) J McConnochie 11-10-0	D Gray	76

Long handicap: Golden Minstrel 9-13, On The Twist 9-8, Raise An Argument 9-7, High Edge Grey 9-6, Golden Czar 9-6, Die Broke 9-1, Samsun 8-9, Mount Oliver 8-9, Wharry Burn 8-9, Moe Greene 8-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Master Bob, 13-2 On The Twist, 7-1 Golden Minstrel, 9-1 Mister Hartigan, Omerta, 10-1 High Edge Grey, 14-1 Ace Of Spies, All Jeff, Glenside Jerry, The Langholm Dyer, 16-1 Golden Czar, 18-1 Imadyna, 20-1 Die Broke, Raise An Argument, 25-1 Birling Jack, 40-1 others.

1990: MASTER BOB 10-10-1 J Berry (20-1) N Henderson 17 ran

FORM FOCUS ALL JEFF tailed-off 5th to Mr Entertainer at Newbury (2m 4f, good), with BIRLING JACK 1l 6th. Previously beat Nodform 1¾l at Chepstow (2m 4f, good) in December.

MASTER BOB well-handicapped on evidence of when beating Seagram 12l over 3m 1f here (good to firm), with GOLDEN MINSTREL (6lb better off) 8½l 4th and ACE OF SPIES tailed-off 8th.

THE LANGHOLM DYER beat Radical Lady 1l at Carlisle (3m, good) in November. IMADYNA, out of sorts of late, well-handicapped on 1l 2nd to Karakter Reference at Kempton (3m, firm) back in October. MISTER HARTIGAN returned to form when 1½l 2nd to subsequent winner Rubika at Worcester (3m, soft), with SAMSUN (12lb worse off) 8l 3rd, BUMBLES FOLLY unseating rider and MOUNT OLIVER pulled up. GOLDEN MINSTREL beat Radical Lady ½l at Nottingham (3m, good to soft), with ON THE TWIST (12lb worse off) short head 3rd. RAISE AN ARGUMENT 8l 4th to Delkey Sound at Market Rasen (3m, good to soft).

HIGH EDGE GREY beat Killone Abbey 30l at Kelso (3m 4f, soft). DIE BROKE 8l 2nd to Valassy at Towcester (3m 190yd, good).

Selection: MASTER BOB

5.15 119th YEAR OF THE CHELTENHAM GRAND ANNUAL CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £24,289: 2m) (13 runners)

601	P-81127	STAR'S DELIGHT 45 (CD,F,G,S) (F Barr) M Pipe 9-11-11	P Scudamore	94
602	F/43321	NOS NA GAOITHE 38 (B,D,G,S) (P Green) M H Easterby 8-10-12	L Wyer	97
603	541135	NEW HALEN 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Switzer) A James 10-10-9	E Tierney (7)	96
604	2114P1	ANOTHER CORAL 18 (CD,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 8-10-8	R Dunwoody	98
605	222-2P1	TRESIDDER 46 (D,G,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 9-10-6	P Niven	94
606	122245	THAR-AN-BHARR 38 (D,F,G,S) (J Upson) J Upson 9-10-4	R Supple	97
607	451213	KNOCKBRACK 17 (D,F,G,S) (G Holmes) G Ham 11-10-0	B Powell	● 99
608	5-33111	EBONY STAR 59 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Conway) J Dreaper (Ire) 8-10-0	C Swan	92
609	3F4221	TORANFIELD 17 (B,G,S) (F Lennon) F Lennon (Ire) 7-10-0	C O'Dwyer	88
610	F0-1331	SAWDUST JACK 13 (B,D,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 7-10-0	D Gallagher	96
611	146212	ALDINO 19 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (A Boyd-Rochfort) O Sherwood 8-10-0	J Osborne	90
612	3/1-6253	TOM CAXTON 41 (D,G,S) (M O'Connor) J King 10-10-0	C Llewellyn	89
613	1-613P2	SILVER CANNON 16F (D,F,G) (Donny Racing) R Voorspuy 9-10-0	A Tory	82

Long handicap: Toranfield 9-10, Sawdust Jack 9-8, Aldino 9-4, Tom Caxton 8-8, Silver Cannon 8-3.

BETTING: 9-2 Toranfield, 6-1 Another Coral, 13-2 Ebony Star, Nos Na Gaoithe, Tresidder, 9-1 Star's Delight, 10-1 New Halen, Sawdust Jack, 11-1 Aldino, 16-1 Thar-An-Bharr, Knockbrack, 66-1 others.

1990: KATABATIC 7-10-8 H Davies (11-4 fav) A Turnell 13 ran

FORM FOCUS STAR'S DELIGHT ¾l 2nd to Master Rajh on penultimate start at Sandown (2m 18yd, good to soft). Earlier beat KNOCKBRACK (1lb better off) ¾l at Newbury (2m 160yd, good).

NOS NA GAOITHE very impressive in beating previous winner Special 4l at Sandown (2m 18yd, good), with THAR-AN-BHARR 30l 5th. NEW HALEN's best recent effort when beating 8l Bertines Star at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, good to firm). ANOTHER CORAL beat Combermere 2l at Kempton (2m 4f, good).

TRESIDDER put up good performance to beat Green Willow 2½l at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good), when STAR'S DELIGHT fell. KNOCKBRACK may have needed race when 20½l last of 3 to Master Rajh at Kempton (2m, good). Earlier beat TOM CAXTON (9lb worse off) 15l at Wincanton (2m, good). EBONY STAR beat On The Other Hand 4l in listed chase at Leopardstown (2m 4f, yielding to soft). TORANFIELD beat Good For A Laugh 2l at Punchestown (2m 2l, heavy). SAWDUST JACK beat Jody's Boy 20l at Wetherby (2m 50yd, soft).

ALDINO 5l 2nd to smart Maria Gula at Wincanton (2m, good).

Selection: NOS NA GAOITHE

3.5 BRITISH COAL NOVICES CHASE (£2,422: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1	10/2220-	DARK EMPEROR 325 (D,S) (G Banks) W A Stephenson 10-11-4	C Grant	—
2	109400	ENCHANTED COURT 7 (CD,S) (Mrs M Crooks) R Lamb 7-11-4	R Garritty	—
3	0/23P-F5	MERRYACRES 4 (F) (Mrs E Verity) R Whitaker 8-11-4	S Turner	89
4	P0/FF	MOYRA LAD 10 (J Parkes) J Parkes 7-11-4	N Smith (5)	—
5	50/23-P	OURDEST 10 (Mrs R Pelcher) A Fowler 8-11-4	D Byrne	—
6	1-62F22	WAIT YOU THERE 7 (F,G) (H Alexander) H Alexander 6-11-4	A Orkney	● 99
7	22-2F4F	YORK IMPERIAL 6 (B Gee) B Gee 10-11-4	Mr P Gee	95
8	2	STARA ZAGORA 17 (Mrs S Taylor) Mrs S Taylor 8-10-13	G Harker	—

BETTING: 5-4 Wait You There, 7-2 Dark Emperor, 5-1 Merryacres, 8-1 York Imperial, 12-1 others.

1990: QUEEN'S BAY LAD 6-11-6 J Callaghan (7-1) G Moore 10 ran

3.40 SOUTH DURHAM OPEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,733: 3m 2f 160yd) (10 runners)

1	1P112-2	EDENSPRING 15 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (C Lumsden) C Lumsden 12-12-10	T Jackson (7)	● 99
2	1400-F4	SPEAKERS CORNER 14 (F) (N Scott) N Scott 8-12-10	M Sowersby (7)	89
3	31/3P-UP	SWINHOE CROFT 17 (C,S) (G Greaves) G Greaves 9-12-7	J Furnival (7)	94
4	46/31F3-	NATURALLY AUTUMN 384 (CD,F) (A Boocock) A Boocock 7-12-2	S Swiers	89
5	42PP-32	ARDESEE 7 (CD,G,S) (D White) D White 11-12-0	J White (7)	80
6	P/2-020	BURNDITCH BOY 132 (S) (P Sawney) P Sawney 12-12-0	N Tutty (5)	87
7	FP0/14/	CHURCH WARDEN 884 (F,G,S) (J Moreton) G Richards 12-12-0	R Hale (7)	—
8	2-U	FIBREGUIDE TECH 12 (BF) (Mrs T Kinsey) Mrs T Kinsey 8-12-0	S Crank (7)	91
9	P-F6	GROUSE MOOR 18 (R Collier) R Collier 12-12-0	A Colgrave (7)	72
10	P6233-5	PADDY HAYTON 11 (CD,F,G) (Mrs M Wares) S Leadbetter 10-12-0	R Shiels (7)	98

BETTING: 3-1 Edenspring, 7-2 Church Warden, 4-1 Fibreguide Tech, 6-1 Ardesee, 8-1 others.

1990: EDENSPRING 11-12-3 T Jackson (12-1) C Lumsden 10 ran

4.15 BUTTERWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,690: 2m) (5 runners)

1	F11113-	SWORD BEACH 315 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs S Mason) M H Easterby 7-12-0	R Garritty	97
2	221132	UNEX-PLAINED 15 (CD,G,S) (Claimclean Ltd) G Moore 8-11-8	J Callaghan (3)	● 99
3	P65436	MASNOON 45 (CD,F,G,S) (J Eyre) J Eyre 8-11-4	C Grant	95
4	F23313	CAVALIER CROSSETT 8 (D,G,S) (E Caine) E Caine 10-10-0	Mr J Beardsall	96
5	34P023	JODY'S BOY 7 (V,CD,F,G,S) (R Swiers) R Swiers 10-10-0	S Turner	93

Long handicap: Cavalier Crossett 9-12, Jody's Boy 9-7.

BETTING: 9-4 Cavalier Crossett, 5-2 Unex-Plained, 3-1 Sword Beach, 5-1 Masnoon, 6-1 Jody's Boy.

1990: GENERALS BOY 8-11-4 Mr P Craggs (7-4 jt-fav) J J O'Neill 5 ran

4.50 JOHN JOYCE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,689: 2m) (11 runners)

1	P01540	EQUINOCTIAL 4 (B,S) (N Miller) N Miller 8-12-0	A Larnach (7)	95
2	00/032-0	BEAU NASH 17 (Mrs R Coleman) A Stringer 7-11-10	Mr N Wilson (7)	84
3	562001	PRINCE BISHOP 8 (B,D,S) (N Miller) N Miller 5-11-10 (6ex)	A Haywood (7)	87
4	80-502	FAST CRUISE 39 (Ecroline Ltd) E Owen jun 8-11-8	D Byrne (3)	91
5	80-6	STAND AT EASE 128 (D Neale) W Storey 6-11-6	K Doolan	—
6	390000	ROSEHIP 38 (Mrs J Porter) W A Stephenson 6-10-13	C Grant	94
7	808	WEST WITH THE WIND 39 (A Watson) J Johnson 4-10-13	B Storey	91
8	000033	LE JOUEUR 8 (V) (Mrs A Porter) Mrs P Barker 4-10-12	C Hawkins	● 99
9	6000P-0	SHEVES 20 (G Jones) S Kettlewell 8-10-11	J Callaghan (3)	—
10	UFP3/0	CARD PARTY 29 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 8-10-7	Miss T Waggott (7)	—
11	PP0089	STRONG SILVER 8 (Mrs A Johnson) R Johnson 8-10-5	Mr P Johnson	86

BETTING: 3-1 Prince Bishop, 7-2 Le Joueur, 4-1 Fast Cruise, 6-1 Equinoctial, 8-1 Rosehip, 10-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
T Tate	7	15	46.7
Mrs S Bramall	11	42	26.2
M H Easterby	22	98	22.4
G Moore	24	113	21.2
S Kettlewell	4	20	20.0
F Storey	4	21	19.0

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Hodge	5	14	35.7
D Byrne	9	43	20.9
C Grant	65	320	20.3
R Garritty	12	62	19.4
A Merrigan	15	104	14.4
L O'Hara	5	41	12.2

BIG-RACE LINE-UP BBC 1

3.30 SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Grade I: £81,790: 2m) (24 runners)

301	0-11253	ATHY SPIRIT 37 (D,F,G,S) (W Fennin) W Fennin (Ire) 6-12-0 *(Primrose, black sleeves, black and red check cap)*	T Taaffe	96
302	41-13R2	BEECH ROAD 22 (CD,F,G,S) (A Geake) G Balding 9-12-0 *(Brown, fawn cross-belts, orange sleeves and cap)*	R Guest	93
303	11-F331	BLACK HUMOUR 18 (D,G,S) (R A Bott Ltd) C Brooks 7-12-0 *(White, turquoise blue sash and sleeves, quartered cap)*	J Osborne	77
304	126154	BRADBURY STAR 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Campbell) J Gifford 6-12-0 *(Royal blue, red braces, red cap)*	E Murphy	84
305	5122-22	DANNY HARROLD 11 (B,S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 7-12-0 *(Orange, black epaulets, black and orange striped sleeves, black cap, orange star)*	M Pitman	90
306	05-13F4	DEEP SENSATION 22 (D,BF,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 6-12-0 *(Yellow, black hoops, yellow sleeves, black seams)*	D Murphy	85
307	611-112	FIDWAY 38 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (A Coley) T Thomson Jones 6-12-0 *(Black, grey stars, red sleeves and cap)*	S Smith Eccles	88
308	FFF3U1	JINXY JACK 18 (D,G,S) (Mrs B McKinney) G Richards 7-12-0 *(White, emerald green chevrons, white sleeves, yellow cap)*	N Doughty	92
309	110-533	MAJOR INQUIRY 19 (CD,F,G) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 5-12-0 *(Light blue, pink sash, sleeves and spots on cap)*	G Bradley	78
310	F3-520F	MOLE BOARD 22 (C,D,F,S) (W Sturt) J Old 9-12-0 *(Dark blue and white check, dark blue sleeves, white cap, dark blue star)*	C Llewellyn	85
311	1112P1	MORLEY STREET 11 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Jackson Bloodstock) G Balding 7-12-0 *(Brown, white hoop and sleeves, quartered cap)*	J Frost	● 99
312	3212-23	NOMADIC WAY 11 (B,D,BF,F,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 6-12-0 *(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots)*	R Dunwoody	95
313	5-23350	PHILOSOPHOS 54 (D,F,G) (P Slade) J Baker 5-12-0 *(Red, white triple diamond, striped sleeves)*	N Coleman	78
314	21-0043	RARE HOLIDAY 24 (CD,F) (Dr M Smurfit) D Weld (Ire) 5-12-0 *(Yellow, royal blue epaulets and star on cap)*	B Sheridan	78
315	164-432	RIVERHEAD 11 (D,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 7-12-0 *(Yellow, large royal blue spots)*	P Holley	84
316	241643	ROYAL DERBI 10 (D,F,G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 6-12-0 *(Royal blue, orange disc, orange and royal blue striped sleeves and cap)*	T Carmody	84
317	121-11	RULING 46 (D,G,S) (G Groarke) R Johnson Houghton 5-12-0 *(Yellow, light blue disc, armlets and cap)*	P Niven	60
318	1101/31	SONDRIO 11 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Ryan) M Pipe 10-12-0 *(Emerald green, yellow sleeves, emerald green seams, emerald green cap, yellow star)*	P Scudamore	91
319	1130-21	SYBILLIN 10 (D,F,G) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-12-0 *(Red, green hooped cap)*	M Dwyer	88
320	0/55-11	THE ILLIAD 59 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Furlong) A Geraghty (Ire) 10-12-0 *(Black, red epaulets and star on cap)*	P McWilliams	90
321	015/P-3	VAYRUA 87 (D,S) (Mrs L Ward) G Harwood 6-12-0 *(Black, orange braces, hooped sleeves, orange cap)*	M Perrett	76
322	240131-	VESTRIS ABU 298 (D,F,G) (E Kearns) J Bolger (Ire) 5-12-0 *(Black, orange diamonds, orange sleeves, check cap)*	C Swan	83
323	151-521	VOYAGE SANS RETOUR 38 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Leeper) M Pipe 6-12-0 *(Grey and red quarters, red sleeves, grey seams)*	J Lower	83
324	F11164	WONDER MAN 38 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 6-12-0 *(Orange, black epaulets, black and orange striped sleeves, black cap, orange star)*	M Bowlby	92

BETTING: 9-2 Morley Street, 5-1 Beech Road, 8-1 Fidway, Sondrio, Nomadic Way, 10-1 Athy Spirit, 12-1 The Illiad, 16-1 Sybillin, 20-1 Jinxy Jack, 25-1 Danny Harrold, Black Humour, Vayrua, Vestris Abu, Voyage Sans Retour, 50-1 others.

1990: KRIBENSIS 6-12-0 R Dunwoody (95-40) M Stoute 19 ran

Form guide to the 24 contenders

ATHY SPIRIT

Feb 3, Leopardstown, good to yielding: see NOMADIC WAY.

Jan 12, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: see THE ILLIAD.

Oct 29, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: (12-0) 2l 2nd to Tawkim (10-11) (2m, h'cap hdle, £13,000, 15 ran).

BEECH ROAD

Feb 18, Fontwell, good to soft: (11-9) 5l 2nd to Al Asoof (10-12) with SONDRIO (10-9) 15l 3rd, DEEP SENSATION (11-2) 3l 4th and MOLE BOARD (10-9) behind when fell 2 out (2m 2l, hdle, £5,117, 6 ran).

Jan 1, Windsor, good: see ROYAL DERBI.

Dec 12, Haydock, good to soft: see MOLE BOARD.

BLACK HUMOUR

Feb 22, Kempton, good: (11-4) beat Clifton Chapel (11-4) 8l (2m 4f, h'cap hdle, £2,805, 15 ran).

Nov 24, Newbury, good: see FIDWAY.

Nov 15, Towcester, good: (11-12) 13l 3rd to Stupid Cupid (10-13) (2m, h'cap hdle, £2,128, 9 ran).

BRADBURY STAR

Feb 20, Warwick, good to soft: (11-9) 12l 4th to Run For Free (11-12) (2m 5f, grade II hdle, £10,176, 9 ran).

Feb 2, Sandown, good: (11-7) 12½l 5th to Rouyan (10-0) (2m 5f 75yd, grade III h'cap hdle, £17,800, 15 ran).

Dec 31, Cheltenham, good to soft: (11-0) beat Run For Free (11-12) 6l (2m 4f, hdle, £6,056, 8 ran).

Nov 3, Chepstow, good: (10-11) beat Peanuts Pet (10-4) 1l with PHILOSOPHOS (11-3) 6l 3rd (2m 4f, h'cap hdle, £17,955, 13 ran).

DANNY HARROLD

Mar 1, Newbury, good to soft: see MORLEY STREET.

Feb 21, Wincanton, good: (11-2) 15l 2nd to Welsh Bard (11-2) with MAJOR INQUIRY (11-2) 2l 3rd, ROYAL DERBI (11-10) 4l 4th (2m, grade II hdle, £10,290, 7 ran).

Mar 13, 1990, Cheltenham, good to firm: (11-8) 2½l 2nd to Forest Sun (11-8) (2m, nov hdle, £30,515, 18 ran).

DEEP SENSATION

Feb 18, Fontwell, good to soft: see BEECH ROAD.

Feb 2, Sandown, good: see VOYAGE SANS RETOUR.

Dec 27, Kempton, good: see FIDWAY.

Jan 20, 1990, Kempton, good: (10-13) 2½l 3rd to Atlaal (10-3) with WONDER MAN (11-1) 8l 6th and VAYRUA (11-6) pulled up before 2 out (2m, listed h'cap hdle, £14,961, 13 ran).

FIDWAY

Feb 2, Sandown, good: see VOYAGE SANS RETOUR.

Dec 27, Kempton, good: (11-7) beat SYBILLIN (11-7) 1½l with DEEP SENSATION (11-7) 1½l 3rd, RIVERHEAD (11-7) 3½l 4th and MOLE BOARD (11-7) tailed off 8th (2m, grade I hdle, £32,030, 8 ran).

Nov 24, Newbury, good: (11-6) beat Atlaal (11-0) 1½l with BLACK HUMOUR (11-0) 1½l 3rd and MAJOR INQUIRY (11-0) 30½l 5th (2m 100yd, grade II hdle, £9,876, 5 ran).

JINXY JACK

Feb 22, Kelso, soft: (11-5) beat Past Glories (11-5) 20l (2m, hdle, £5,588, 5 ran).

Dec 29, Newcastle, good: (11-7) unseated rider 2 out behind Moment Of Truth (11-7) (2m, grade I chase, £23,501, 11 ran).

Dec 19, Bangor, good to soft: (11-8) 27l 3rd to Young Benz (11-0) (2m, nov chase, £2,980, 13 ran).

MAJOR INQUIRY

Feb 21, Wincanton, good: see DANNY HARROLD.

Feb 2, Sandown, good: see VOYAGE SANS RETOUR.

Nov 24, Newbury, good: see FIDWAY.

MOLE BOARD

Feb 18, Fontwell, good to soft: see BEECH ROAD.

Dec 27, Kempton, good: see FIDWAY.

Dec 12, Haydock, good to soft: (11-0) 3½l 2nd to Run For Free (11-2) with BEECH ROAD (11-8) 2½l 3rd and BRADBURY STAR (11-0) 16½l 5th (2m 4f, grade II hdle, £10,596, 9 ran).

MORLEY STREET

Mar 1, Newbury, good to soft: (11-12) beat DANNY HARROLD (11-5) 2l (2m 4f 120yd, grade II hdle, £9,748, 6 ran).

Dec 26, Kempton, good: (11-7) pulled up before 3 out behind Sparkling Flame (11-7) (2m 4f, grade I nov chase, £25,492, 7 ran).

Dec 15, Ascot, good to firm: (11-10) 8l 2nd to Remittance Man (11-7) (2m 4f, grade II nov chase, £9,930, 5 ran).

NOMADIC WAY

Mar 1, Haydock, soft: see SONDRIO.

Feb 3, Leopardstown, good to yielding: (11-7) 3l 2nd to Nordic Surprise (10-9) with ATHY SPIRIT (11-7) head 3rd, RARE HOLIDAY (11-9) 12l 4th and ROYAL DERBI (11-7) well beaten 6th (2m, grade I hdle, £29,750, 6 ran).

Apr 22, Dueling Grounds: (11-2) 36l 6th to Grapel (10-11) (2m 6f, hdle, £186,335, 9 ran).

PHILOSOPHOS

Jan 17, Taunton, good to soft: (12-0) tailed off 7th to Re-Release (11-0) (2m 110yd, h'cap hdle, £5,479, 10 ran).

Dec 22, Chepstow, good: (11-1) 20½l 5th to Run For Free (11-6) (2m, hdle, £8,998, 7 ran).

Nov 3, Chepstow, good: see BRADBURY STAR.

RARE HOLIDAY

Feb 16, Leopardstown, soft to heavy: (11-4) 12l 3rd to Chirkpar (10-9) (2m, grade III hdle, £6,900, 9 ran).

Feb 3, Leopardstown, good to yielding: see NOMADIC WAY.

Jan 12, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: see THE ILLIAD.

RIVERHEAD

Mar 1, Haydock, soft: see SONDRIO.

Jan 12, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: see THE ILLIAD.

Dec 27, Kempton, good: see FIDWAY.

ROYAL DERBI

Mar 2, Hereford, good: see SYBILLIN.

Feb 21, Wincanton, good: see DANNY HARROLD.

Feb 3, Leopardstown, good to yielding: see NOMADIC WAY.

Apr 27, 1989, Punchestown, heavy: (11-9) beat Lunulae (11-1) 10l with VAYRUA (11-9) 14¾l 5th (2m, listed hdle, £11,850, 11 ran).

RULING

Jan 25, Doncaster, good: (11-0) beat Book Of Gold (11-0) ½l (2m 150yd, grade II hdle, £7,220, 7 ran).

Dec 12, Haydock, good to soft: (11-0) beat Better Times Ahead (11-12) 5l (2m, nov hdle, £2,350, 20 ran).

Apr 21, Ayr, good to soft: (11-2) beat Jodami (11-6) 8l (2m, NH flat race, £3,720, 7 ran).

SONDRIO

Mar 1, Haydock, soft: (11-4) beat RIVERHEAD (11-4) 7l with NOMADIC WAY (11-12) short head 3rd (2m, hdle, £3,855, 5 ran).

Feb 18, Fontwell, good to soft: see BEECH ROAD.

Mar 14, 1989, Cheltenham, good to soft: (11-8) beat Island Set (11-8) 4l with RIVERHEAD (11-08) 24l 9th (2m, Nov Champ hdle, £26,177, 21 ran).

SYBILLIN

Mar 2, Hereford, good: (11-6) beat Ryde Again (11-6) a head with ROYAL DERBI (11-6) 3l 3rd (2m, hdle, £2,478, 4 ran).

Dec 27, Kempton, good: see FIDWAY.

Jun 17, Auteuil, good: (10-3) unplaced behind Sarh (9-11) (2m 3f 110yd, hdle, £42,872, 12 ran).

May 7, Haydock, firm: (10-1) beat Windbound Lass (10-1) ¾l with VESTRIS ABU (10-0) 1l 3rd, PHILOSOPHOS (10-2) 4¾l 5th and ROYAL DERBI (11-10) 26l 9th (2m, listed h'cap hdle, £25,720, 14 ran).

Apr 6, Liverpool, firm: (11-0) beat Midfielder (11-0) 8l with VESTRIS ABU (11-0) 9l 7th (2m, hdle, £25,800, 18 ran).

THE ILLIAD

Jan 12, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: (10-13) beat Bawnmore Lad (10-0) 2½l with RIVERHEAD (10-8) head 3rd, ATHY SPIRIT (11-10) 2l 5th, WONDER MAN (11-6) 2½l 6th and RARE HOLIDAY (11-4) 6½l 10th (2m, listed h'cap hdle, £28,950, 17 ran).

Dec 28, Leopardstown, heavy: (12-0) beat Boro Smackeroo (10-12) 5l (2m, h'cap hdle, £3,450, 6 ran).

Dec 29, 1989, Leopardstown, yielding: (11-4) 13¾l 5th to Dutch Royal (11-4) (2m, nov chase, £2,070, 9 ran).

VAYRUA

Dec 15, Ascot, good to firm: see WONDER MAN.

Jan 20, 1990, Kempton, good: see DEEP SENSATION.

Apr 27, 1989, Punchestown, heavy: see ROYAL DERBI.

VESTRIS ABU

May 18 1990, Dundalk, good to firm: (11-8) beat Rocket Dancer (11-5) a short head (2m 216yd, listed h'cap hdle, £5,822, 7 ran).

May 7 1990, Haydock, firm: see SYBILLIN.

Apr 6, 1990, Liverpool, firm: see SYBILLIN.

VOYAGE SANS RETOUR

Feb 2, Sandown, good: (11-0) beat FIDWAY (11-5) ¾l with MAJOR INQUIRY (11-0) 3½l 3rd, WONDER MAN (11-4) 4l 4th and DEEP SENSATION (11-0) disputing lead when fell last (2m, hdle, £6,947, 5 ran).

Jan 1, Cheltenham, good to soft: (12-0) head 2nd to Elder Prince (10-7) (2m, h'cap hdle, £5,117, 6 ran).

Dec 15, Ascot, good to firm: see WONDER MAN.

WONDER MAN

Feb 2, Sandown, good: see VOYAGE SANS RETOUR.

Jan 12, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: see THE ILLIAD.

Dec 26, Kempton, good to soft: (12-0) beat Old Virginia (10-4) 4l (2m, h'cap hdle, £5,085, 9 ran).

Dec 15, Ascot, good to firm: (11-8) beat Stratford Ponds (11-6) 3½l with VAYRUA (11-8) 7l 3rd, ROYAL DERBI (11-8) ½l 4th and VOYAGE SANS RETOUR (11-4) ½l 5th (2m, hdle, £6,212, 6 ran).

Selection: BEECH ROAD

Ayr results

Going: soft

2.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Jodami (P A Farrell, 15-8); 2, Another Dyer (7-4 fav); 3, Hot Star (5-1). 9 ran. 4l, 2½l. P Beaumont. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.37.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Impala (G McCourt, 7-4); 2, Kirsty's Boy (5-4 fav); 3, Pollibrig (8-1). 6 ran. 20l, 15l. G Richards. Tote: £2.10; £2.20, £1.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.02.

3.0 (3m 2f hdle) 1, First Lord (J Corkell, 100-30); 2, Arum Lily (6-1); 3, Mister Tuftie (16-1). Carousel Calypso 6-4 fav. 7 ran. Hd, nk. Mrs V Aconley. Tote: £4.80; £2.10, £1.50. DF: £18.90. CSF: £19.58.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Mugwood (B Storey, 9-1); 2, The Antartex (11-8 fav); 3, Pinemartin (25-1). 6 ran. 7l, ¾l. C Parker. Tote: £11.00; £2.00, £1.90. DF: £9.80. CSF: £20.11.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1, All Welcome (M Dwyer, 4-7 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Souter's Hill (11-4); 3, Crossnot (33-1). 6 ran. 3l, 2½l. G Moore. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.35.

4.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Allerybar (Mr A Robson, 11-8 fav); 2, Kilknockin (10-1); 3, Damsen's Beau (25-1). 12 ran. ¾l, dist. R Kyle. Tote £2.60, £1.60, £2.50, £6.80. DF: £10.70. CSF: £13.88.

5.0 (2m flat) 1, Oriel Dream (R Hodge, 100-30); 2, Spartan Ranger (7-4); 3, Basso Profundo (6-4 fav). 10 ran. 3½l, 20l. R Fisher. Tote: £5.50; £1.70, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £10.40. CSF: £10.02.

Placepot: £14.60.

Plumpton

Going: soft (heavy in front of stands)

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Nacelle (J White, 66-1); 2, Breakfast Belle (12-1); 3, Tyburn Lad (6-1). Miss Eurolink 8-13 fav. 16 ran. 5l, 3½l. J King. Tote: £77.10; £13.60, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £905.90. CSF: £836.22.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Popeswood (M Richards, 11-8 fav); 2, Gladtogetit (8-1); 3, Plastic Spaceage (15-2). 7 ran. 20l, 12l. W Wightman. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £9.49.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Beaujolais Nouveau (B Powell, 4-1); 2, Norstock (9-2); 3, Norse Country (5-1). Off The Wall 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 1½l, 15l. M Channon. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £8.30. CSF: £20.62.

3.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, Ever Season (Mr R Alner, Evens fav); 2, Roving Seal (11-8); 3, No Bees (12-1). 7 ran. 30l, dist. B Pike. Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £1.60. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.76.

4.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Leading Role (P Scudamore, 13-8); 2, Wagon Load (4-7 fav); 3, Tribal Drum (9-1). 3 ran. 2l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.70. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.91.

4.45 (2m ch) 1, Sohail (D Skyrme, 16-1); 2, Bandicks (7-4 fav); 3, Smarteheid (8-1). 9 ran. 10l, 10l. J White. Tote: £23.50; £2.70, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £22.80. CSF: £43.71. Tricast: £233.48.

Placepot: £107.50.

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ATHLETICS

Christie insistent that he can still claim global gold

From David Powell, athletics correspondent, Seville

THE year of athletics, as Primo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, likes to call 1991, has made the kind of start that Ben Johnson is having to get used to: laudable but unspectacular.

Winning performances in the third world indoor championships, which ended here on Sunday, were in general slower, lower and shorter than in the second edition, in Budapest two years ago. However, there were a greater number of world records and a superior crop of champions given that we can expect more winners from here to succeed at the outdoor world championships in Tokyo this summer than the five who did an Indianapolis-Rome double in 1987.

That was the last year which contained indoor and outdoor world championships. Johnson (short sprint), Sergey Bubka (pole vault), Tatyana Samolenko (3,000 metres), Stefka Kostadinova (high jump) and Natalya Lisovskaya (shot) did the double. Fifteen winners here will fancy their chances strongly in Tokyo, especially Noureddine Morceli (1,500 metres), Werner Günthör (shot), Merlene Ottey (200 metres), Lyudmila Rogacheva (1,500 metres), Beate Anders (walk), Heike Henkel (high jump), Xinmei Sui (shot), Larisa Berezhnaya (long jump) and Bubka again.

The 15 do not include the two who denied Linford Christie, of Britain, his first world title: Andre Cason, in the 60 metres, and Nikolay Antanov, a smoker who smoked Christie in the 200 metres. Among them, Leroy Burrell, Carl Lewis and Michael Johnson should see off the young pretenders, both 22.

Christie, it now seems, will never win a championship which is open to the world's sprinters: Olympic or world. If he does, at the age of 31 in Tokyo or 32 in Barcelona, he will become the oldest sprint champion of them all in those competitions. He insists he can do it. "I'm not scared of anybody, I'm British," he said after two silver medals here.

Thank goodness he is. There are times when Britain has to be grateful for Christie, and this was one of them. British supporters were complaining at the weakness of the team. At least Christie was here. He always turns up. He is a great one for a challenge.

One silver, let alone two, was better than any of his team colleagues managed. And for Britain to finish fourteenth in the medals table and ninth European nation is not what we have come to expect. That is not to blame those who were here, for the team of 21 lacked experienced and produced two surprises: Debbie Marti's fifth in the high jump and Robert Denmark's third in the 3,000 metres.

Denmark set the only British record, and to beat one held by Jack Buckner, the former European 5,000 metres champion, will, as Denmark said, make people take notice.

"This is going to give me untold confidence," Denmark said. Not that there was anything rotten in the state of Denmark's confidence as the final took off at a pace almost one second a *lap* faster than he had run before coming here. When the shooting started, with two laps to go, he moved from behind the cover of seventh place to fifth where he stayed until the bell. Then he opened fire.

Aged 22, Denmark works a 42-and-a-half-hour week as a sports shop assistant. He would rather not. He would prefer to be able to afford to concentrate on his running. A session crammed in during the lunch break is the way the world's leading athletes used to train, but not any more. Britain should use some of its athletics wealth to make sure he is allowed the best scope for development.

Most of Britain's luminaries were preparing for greater challenges. After the world championships of cross country and the world cup of marathon running, in the next six weeks, Britain's men have the European cup of track and field to defend before the world championships come along.

This might be the Chinese year of athletics as well as Nebiolo's. Unusually, they made an impression. Their team was small in one way but big in another. Only 13 in number, they threw their weight around in the women's shot, winning gold and silver medals.

The year has brought other changes, too. Germany had East and West united, producing two individual champions from either side. Canada, the fourth indoor world championship host (Toronto, 1993), had been put in the poor house by sponsors disenchanted at Johnson's Olympic disgrace, but backers have returned in numbers.

Mizuno, for example, is funding the Canadian team with $305,000 (£163,000). Johnson says he will retire in 1992. If the money keeps talking, he may be persuaded to stay on for six more months after the Olympics for the championships in the town he made home.

Rebel in pursuit of a vision

From Chris Thau
in Bordeaux

THE appointment in December of Jean Trillo as coach of the backs was the last executive decision of Jacques Fouroux before his spectacular and perhaps undeserved demise as coach to the French rugby union side.

It was an appointment which is likely to have a lasting consequence for French rugby. It has already transformed an obsession with the grind of forward play into a belief in the pleasures (and the profits) of 15-man rugby. The French have beaten Scotland, Ireland and Wales on the way to the five nations' championship decider against England, at Twickenham on Saturday.

Yet, had the invitation from Fouroux come a year or two earlier, the founder of the pioneering Jean Trillo Sports Centre at Merignac, near Bordeaux, would have turned it down. "A year ago, I was not prepared for a new experience," Trillo, aged 46, said. "The centre which I built still needed a lot of attention. But the timing of the invitation found me ready for a new challenge."

The challenge was to recharge the back division of a French team that, although it had won the five nations' title three times and shared it three times in the 1980s, had lost its charm and become secondary to the demands of the pack.

Trillo confronted the task with total commitment: "I've always been obsessive about quality. No matter whether in my game or in life, a kind of perfectionist. It is difficult to say where it comes from but I never leave things half-done. As a player, I was practising my skills four or five hours daily, every day."

This refusal to accept compromise had made him the scourge of the establishment. In the early seventies he had refused to play for France unless his friend and idol, Jo Maso, the king of centres, was also in the team, and his attempt to join Maso at Narbonne, so they could turn their rugby dream into practice, had been dismissed by the Spangheros, the family of forwards who controlled the club.

Centre presents a challenge: Trillo, left, and his son, François, with the personnel at his centre in Merignac

"We were naive. We thought that the only thing needed to play together was that we wanted it. The Spangheros did not like it," Trillo said. "I was a rebel, not always fighting for the right cause, but I don't regret anything."

His playing career was modelled on the example of Maurice Prat: "a player," according to Trillo, "without many born qualities but whose perfect skills were acquired through sheer hard work."

After Trillo's playing career had ended, he worked for a while for the French ministry of sport. He resigned once it became clear that he could not reconcile his vision of sport with that of officialdom.

"I wanted to create a club, in principle like the English clubs, but open to everyone, both as a centre of learning and leisure. I have been trying to reconcile the economic, social and educational aspects at the club at Merignac, knowing that what is social is not financially viable and what is viable is not always educational. I have tried to make them coexist and really developed a new product.

"As it happens, the minister for sport, Roger Bambuck, has decided now that this type of club is the way ahead and he has appointed me as part of his think-tank devising the strategy for the future."

By the end of last year the Jean Trillo Centre was moving smoothly, so Trillo was ready for a new challenge.

"There are many different playing philosophers: Fouroux, Herrero, Villepreux," he said. "I don't believe in systems. I have my own visions which are based on lucidity and initiative. Lucidity, initiative and, of course, skill.

"There is no doubt that the level of skill of the French backs had plummeted compared to, say, ten or 15 years ago. Physically, they are stronger but skill-wise very poor. At the Welsh match [which France won 36-3], I told them I was ashamed and appalled by their ludicrous mistakes.

"I am a very liberal person. The game is a serious business but not too serious, really. It's a game, it's not about life and death. Let's have fun, I say. We love, work, love again but I cannot be liberal with a skill because it's about my attitude to myself and that's why we still have a long way to go.

"Second is their state of mind. I am trying to free them from their self-imposed restrictions. It's perhaps a method of education trying to get the best out of an individual, taking into account his personality, motivation, effectiveness, etc.

"The ultimate aim is to express the French spirit. Rugby has always reflected the culture of a nation. The English are the masters of the conventional warfare; it's the letter of the law which they uphold. The French must regain their capacity to adapt and create, this is the spirit of the game."

ICE SKATING

Global warning for the favourites

From John Hennessy in Munich

ON ALL sides, the world championships, starting here today, are in the melting pot. The days are over, it seems, when some, if not all, of the four events develop almost into a rubber stamp of the year before.

This applies particularly to the women's competition. In the absence of the holder, Jill Trenary, of the United States, the favourite ought to be Midori Ito, a Japanese fire-cracker, no longer held back by her frailty in the compulsory figures, which have been discontinued. She has just missed a month's training, however, after neck surgery.

Next in line should have been Kristi Yamaguchi, another American. But she was outgunned in her national championships by Tonya Harding, an ebullient exponent of the triple axel, a rarity among women skaters.

The equation in the men's event has been similarly unbalanced in the United States by Todd Eldredge. After beating the favourite, Christopher Bowman, he is a serious threat to the holder, Kurt Browning, of Canada, and the European champion, Viktor Petrenko, of the Soviet Union.

Finally, a variety of questions is raised among the ice dancers. Will the Soviet holders, Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko, be affected by a false laboratory drug reading which threatens to deprive them of the European title?

Will Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay, French protegés of Christopher Dean, be able to switch from one unsuccessful programme at the European championships to another successful one within the course of seven weeks? And will the second Soviet couple, Maia Usova and Aleksandr Zhulin, be given the marks many thought they deserved in Sofia?

Britain's contribution is modest these days but Steven Cousins, at 18, a genuine hope for the future, will add to his store of experience and Joanne Conway, will expect to reaffirm her comeback to the big time. We tend to forget that she was tenth in the world at the age of 16 in 1985.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/P	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	+ temp °C	Last snow fall
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	50	120	good	varied	slushy	fine	8	8/3
Excellent skiing for most of the day								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbuhel	0	55	slush	slush	closed	rain	12	22/2
Skiing available on nine runs, best at pass thurn								
Obergurgl	40	100	fair	fair	fair	cloud	5	9/3
Good snow and skiing above 2,000m								
St Anton	30	150	good	heavy	slushy	cloud	6	10/3
Best skiing before lunch, very good snow upper slopes								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	98	250	good	heavy	slushy	fine	5	9/3
Very good skiing on upper slopes, slushy lower down								
Isola	120	150	good	varied	good	fine	1	9/3
Good piste skiing, high avalanche danger off piste								
Les Arcs	30	290	good	heavy	slushy	sun	6	9/3
Upper slopes in very good condition, lower runs slushy								
Tignes	153	260	good	heavy	good	sun	2	9/3
Excellent skiing everywhere, no rocks or stones								
Val Thorens	140	250	good	varied	slushy	fine	1	9/3
Good skiing on upper and north facing slopes								
ITALY								
Cervinia	150	400	good	varied	good	fine	5	9/3
Excellent conditions on piste, high avalanche danger								
Courmayeur	70	200	good	crust	n/a	fine	11	9/3
Excellent skiing on piste especially higher runs								
NORWAY								
Geilo	50	70	fair	heavy	slushy	thaw	6	10/3
Pistes good in the morning but softening quickly								
SWITZERLAND								
Crans Montana	10	210	fair	heavy	worn	sun	5	9/3
Slushy snow in sunshine, good snow on glacier								
Grindelwald	0	70	good	heavy	closed	cloud	7	9/3
Good skiing on upper slopes, weather still warm								
Klosters	0	40	good	powder	poor	cloud	10	9/3
Good skiing on upper slopes on new snow								
Saas Fee	60	400	good	powder	good	fair	5	9/3
Very good skiing on all slopes above 2000m								
Zermatt	50	200	good	varied	poor	fine	6	9/3
Excellent skiing on all upper slopes								

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft; runs, upper, complete, hard snow; middle, complete, hard snow; lower, complete, hard snow should soften later, ample nursery; access roads, open; chairlifts, open; all tows, open. Glenshee: snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 1,500ft; runs, upper, complete, spring snow; lower, complete, spring snow; ample nursery areas; access roads, open; chairlifts, open; four tows closed, 20 operating. The Lecht: snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 700ft; runs, main, some runs complete, some narrow; beginner, narrow, some patchy; access roads, open; tows Harrier, Falcon, Petrel and Bunting closed. Aonach Mor: snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft; runs, main, all complete, heavy snow on a firm base; beginner, heavy snow, a few bare patches; access roads, open; tows, open except Leggan tow. Glencoe: snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft; runs, upper complete, spring snow; lower, complete, spring snow on firm base; access roads, open; chairlifts, open; tows, open. Forecast: Mild regime expected to continue; good deal of cloud with the base falling to about 2,000ft giving extensive hill fog; outbreaks of rain, heaviest and most persistent in the west.

VOLLEYBALL

Malory's run put to an end

By Roddy Mackenzie

POLONIA gave Team Mizuno Malory their first defeat in the Royal Bank of Scotland's English Men's Cup for five years at the weekend, to ruin Malory's chance of a fourth successive League and Cup double.

In an electrifying semi-final, the Ealing side edged out the holders 15-13, 13-15, 15-12, 7-15, 17-16 to reach their first final. Jurek Jankowski played what Julian Banasiewicz, the club secretary, described as "the game of his life".

Reebok Liverpool City reached their second cup final in four years, at Crystal Palace on March 23, by beating Hilton Leeds 16-14, 8-15, 15-8, 15-4.

In the women's first division, Mizuno Britannia beat Dynamo London 15-9 15-4 15-7 to win the League for the second time in three years.

Woolich Brixton Knights, their nearest rivals, are not even guaranteed second place after losing at Sovereign Leasign Sale on Saturday 13-15, 17-15, 12-15, 16-14, 10-15 in a match which lasted more than two hours.

Brixton came back to beat Lakeland, the bottom club, on Sunday 15-5, 15-11, 15-4.

In Scotland, Team Novasport clinched their first men's title by beating Elliott Sports Jets 15-2, 15-7, 15-5. Afterwards Kenny Anderson, their captain, announced his retirement.

League campaign sealed in style

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

ONLY one club remains unbeaten in the national divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship: West Hartlepool, who assured themselves of second-division rugby next season when they beat Broughton Park at the weekend and showed, at the same time, the team strengths that have made this such a successful season for them.

Their promotion, and the improved showing of Newcastle Gosforth in the second division, have given rugby in the north-east a genuine fillip. Moreover, West are confident that the strength of the squad will allow them to make their way in the higher level. The 47-4 defeat of Park was achieved without five regular players, among them David Cooke, the country's leading try-scorer, who had an operation for the manipulation of a cheek-bone on Saturday and has been advised to rest for the remainder of the season.

"We're delighted to have gone up with two games still to play," David Stubbs, their coaching organiser, said. "And what was so pleasing about the way we ensured it was that the eight tries were shared round." None the less John Stabler, their experienced stand-off half, was an important catalyst with 23 points from two tries, six conversions and a penalty. Stabler resumed the goal-kicking duties when a broken ankle put Glyn Armstrong out for the season in November, and has performed consistently well.

"We set our stall out long years ago to improve our standing," Stubbs said. "We have worked hard to get sponsorship and Yuill's, the building company, have been very good to us. They are in the second year of a five-year agreement and a sponsors' lounge is to be built shortly. And it looks as though being in the second division may save some money because we won't have to travel so far for so many games.

"We have thought long and hard all season about what we needed for next year because we were reasonably confident about going up. In the general euphoria all the players reckon they will still be with us next season."

Their last games are against Morley, who must win their two remaining matches by a hatful of points if they are to deny West the third-division title, and Askeans.

Both ends of the division will be closely contested, with Yorkshire's two leading clubs, Wakefield and Headingley, facing radically different fates. Wakefield are one of three clubs bracketed at the top, while Headingley prop up the division as one of four clubs to have won only twice in the league this season.

RUGBY UNION

Fouroux supports change

By David Hands

THE extraordinary meeting over the weekend to elect a new French federation committee appears to have brought closer the end of Albert Ferrasse's long reign as president. Others have tried to topple Ferrasse and failed in the last 20 years, but Robert Paparemborde, the former prop, is now well placed to succeed, according to reports from Paris.

An attempt by Jean Fabre, of Toulouse, who is backing Ferrasse's bid to remain in office, failed to move power from the federation's regional committees to the clubs. Requiring a two-thirds majority, he fell 66 votes short, and since Jacques Fouroux, for ten years the French coach, has swung his powerful regional support behind Paparemborde, the presidential contest on April 13 looks the most open for years.

"I think the majority now agree it is time to change the way the federation is ruled," Paparemborde said cautiously. Though he played for Pau in the south, Paparemborde's most recent connections have been as coach to Racing Club; it would represent a considerable shift if the Parisian club provided both the national champions and the federation president.

On the playing front, France begin a heavy week in Lorient tomorrow where they field an A XV including nine senior caps against the Soviet Union. On Friday, their B XV is in action against England, as is a French Armed Forces XV against the Combined Services at RAF Halton. The B international has deprived the Combined Services of Tim Rodber, and Brian Richardson, the RAF lock who would have captained the team, broke his leg playing for Boroughmuir against Edinburgh Academicals on Saturday.

The Army dominate the Services line-up, though there is a doubt at centre over the fitness of Chris Spowart. With the first match of the inter-services tournament, between the Army and the Royal Navy, the following week, no undue risks will be taken.

England have been forced to make two changes to their team for the student international with France in Portsmouth on Friday. Tony Underwood and Spencer Bromley, the two original wings, have withdrawn because of injury and their places go to John Flint and Harvey Thorneycroft.

Policemen await ruling over cash

THE growing band of police officers playing international rugby in Britain are waiting for the outcome of a meeting of chief constables to see if they can take a share of the money-making spin-offs from the game.

Following the relaxation of the amateur regulations, members of the England and Wales squads are looking forward to sharing in an estimated £1 million that could be earned during the World Cup and the end of the five nations' championship.

But Paul Ackford, Wade Dooley, Dean Richards and Nigel Heslop, of England, and Martyn Morris and Emyr Lewis, of Wales, may not be allowed to benefit because of their jobs in the police.

The Home office said yesterday that there was nothing in police regulations prohibiting rugby-playing officers accepting cash – but said they must first get permission from their chief constables.

A spokesman for the Metropolitan Police, which includes Ackford, the England and Harlequins lock, in its force, said: "There is a meeting next month of chief constables who have international players in their force. They are going to consider the changing circumstances of rugby internationals."

Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union, said: "As far as the RFU are concerned, players such as policemen and service personnel who receive money outside their careers have to clear it with their employers."

Take your medicine ball three times daily

By Henry Kelly

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

IF YOU spend a week as I just have, in Mexico, within television distance of the United States, you will come to the following conclusion: the only sport either of those two vast countries is remotely interested in is basketball.

Talk about having something for breakfast, dinner and tea! It's on the whole time. When it's not live, they show you bits from the previous night, the previous year, the previous decade. And when they think you might be fed up with that they show you bits in black and white from 25 years ago because one of the anchormen used to be a star then.

True, for the last week or so the college conference tournaments have been the main attraction, but even allowing for this I am resolved never to complain of overkill on any subject on British television.

And the anchormen? Oh brother! These guys you really should hear. Many of them speak English, after a fashion. They could, and maybe some do, double as greeters at the type of cheery morgue Waugh envisaged in *The Loved One*. Their main introductions are always the same and they all have handy, one-syllable names.

"Hi! I'm Mike."

"And I'm John."

"Say, Mike, do we have a ball game on our hands tonight!"

"Sure do, John, I'll say. The boys from Cincinnati will be hunting revenge for last year's dump by the Blue Pirates, but let's go to Chris on the floor."

"Hi! I'm Chris on the floor. Boy, do we have a ball game here tonight, like you say, Mike. John, this is revenge with a capital V for victory from these boys. Now back to Mike."

"Thanks, Chris, we'll be right back after these messages."

And so it goes until a dozen or so swarthy youths start running up and down a parquet floor with a medicine ball which on occasion they hurl into a net with a hole in it so you don't have to climb up a ladder to fetch it back again. Trouble is, after a few hours you find yourself getting hooked on this and actually willing one side or other to victory.

I tried not to take sides on Sunday afternoon when Tottenham played Notts County but in the end I desperately wanted Spurs to win. And they did; but not without being frightened by the second division side for long periods.

It was an excellent match for television and *en passant* one has to say that the BBC has been blessed with good games in its return to the equivalent of Match of the Day, concentrating on the FA Cup. With Desmond, Bob and Jimmy, Lynam, Wilson and Hill, and Rory Bremner playing John Motson, the commentary, the analysis and the sheer listenability of the Beeb's performance are second to none. It easily has the edge on the celebrated *Saint 'n' Greavsie* on ITV, although ITV's Saturday afternoon coverage of the boys' game between Scotland and England was well worth the effort.

A good thing we could take from the States would be more youth sports on television. Weeks are devoted to college basketball and football. I don't recall ever having seen a schools' cricket match live on television in Britain. Nor have we seen any but the occasional football match, and apart from the Oxford and Cambridge rugby match and the boat race what else is there from younger sportsmen on television on a regular basis?

Laugh of the week was Paul Gascoigne, having been seen by millions of television viewers elbowing an opponent in the face, claiming with a straight face that his action was not deliberate. Truly, accidents come in many guises, but as Gascoigne delivered his *apologia* he looked like someone who wasn't actually saying what he thought he was saying. I think he meant to say that he didn't *mean* to hit the other fellow in the face, merely to shrug him off. But whatever it was meant to do he certainly did it deliberately and he was very lucky indeed not be sent off.

It was, however, good to see the referee speak very sternly to both players and the two shake and make up after the incident. Gascoigne then produced a present for his father in the shape of a very good goal indeed, after which the camera was able to spot Gascoigne senior sitting in the Tottenham stand. A nice touch.

Amazingly, there was no snooker on television this weekend, which was clearly an oversight by the game's organisers and the television companies. I think we should be told!

I watched the coverage of the world indoor athletics championships and cannot believe any lover of this sport can become enthusiastic over a 60-metre race. Somehow, 100 yards or 100 metres and distances upward seem to be tests of man's ability in a fair struggle; but 60 metres? There is something intrinsically noble about men and women running against each other over decent distances such as a mile or a few miles or a few thousand metres. The 60 metre events have all the attraction of the father's race at a school sports day.

A feast of racing awaits this week with the BBC's coverage of the National Hunt Festival from Cheltenham. If you live in Scotland it will be mixed with live coverage of curling. I happen to love curling but BBC Scotland must have taken leave of its senses to decide to share air time between these two sports. Already I can hear Scottish race-goers complaining.

Typecast? Not Wendy Toms, who breaks new ground

Whistle blows on a male preserve

By Louise Taylor

WENDY Toms did not take kindly to the tedium of life as a serviceman's wife in Cyprus, but that spell of boredom six years ago has enabled her to make history tonight.

She will do so by becoming the first woman referee to be active at Football League level. Toms is the fourth official for the third division match between Bournemouth and Reading at Dean Court, and if Philip Don, the referee, or one of his linesmen are incapacitated, Toms will take over as a lineswoman.

For Toms, who is 28 and a warehouse transport manager in her home town of Poole, Dorset, it represents another step towards fulfilling her ambition of inclusion on the league list. The origin of that dream was in Cyprus after her ex-husband enrolled her on a referee's course. "I had played football for ten years, but this was something new," she said.

"I loved the challenge and the need to be fast-thinking on my feet. When you have had to get a wall of Scots Guards back ten yards it prepares you for anything."

While refereeing added a new dimension to Toms' life, her marriage crumbled. "The court said it was strange for a husband to complain about his wife spending too much time on football."

Back in Poole, Toms progressed from Sunday pub leagues to the semi-professional Wessex League and running the line in the Great Mills League. The next rung of the ladder is the GM Vauxhall Conference then the league list.

Outings as fourth official usually accelerate the process. Toms was nominated by Cliff Ashton, of the Great Western League, because: "She works hard, she understands the game, mixes well and is respected by everyone.

Nevertheless, it would be naive to suggest that Toms' rise has been pain-free. "I have never actually broken down in tears, but I have had a couple of bad experiences," she said. "Once refereeing at Weymouth, an old chap on the touchline barracked me throughout. If I played advantage it was a free kick and vice versa, but you accept there are some older people in football who do not want women involved.

"But the players I referee are paid and cannot afford to be distracted by reacting to me. I earn respect because my fitness is good, I can keep up with the game, and most are quite shy and worried about their language, at first. Sometimes they try to test you out, but the thing is to keep cool and apply common sense.

"Nowadays, players tend not to mess with me. I have sent off two this season and they have to live with the extra humiliation of being shown the red card by a woman."

And her chances of ruling Luther Blissett or Steve Moran offside tonight? "Well the reserve official has to make the half-time tea so the referee and linesmen might collapse in the second half," Toms grinned.

FOOTBALL

Lucescu dismissed after Pisa defeat

By Nicholas Harling

SINCE the price of relegation in Italy can be roughly equated to the starting price in the bidding for Paul Gascoigne, which was Lazio's £6 million, it is not to be trifled with. Certainly the prospect was too much for Pisa, who made Mircea Lucescu pay for the indignity of losing to one of the few clubs below them, Cagliari.

It was not enough that he was one of the most affable and intelligent men in football. The former manager of the Romanian national team lost his job yesterday in the wake of Sunday's 2-1 defeat in Sardinia.

Pisa, like Cagliari, were promoted last season, and clearly do not relish the possibility of an immediate return. The club's trainer, Luca Giannini, will replace Lucescu "to give the squad a psychological boost and improve results while there are still 10 games to go to the end of the season".

Another manager to lose his job at the weekend was Barry Hulshoff. The former Dutch international was dismissed by the Belgian club, Lierse, who have taken only four points in their last seven league games. The fifth Belgian first-division coach to lose his job this season, Hulshoff played for Ajax when they won the European Cup three times in a row in the early 1970s. One of those finals was, of course, against Internazionale, still the joint leaders in Italy after the 2-0 win over Juventus, whose own coach, Gigi Maifredi, cannot feel too complacent about his long term future.

Milan, four points better off than Juventus, and only three behind the leaders after losing 2-0 to Sampdoria, are out of the running if you listen to Arrigo Sacchi. "It's clear that today we have been knocked out of the championship race," the coach said. He will doubtless think otherwise if Marseilles win the European Cup return tomorrow week, leaving Milan with only the domestic title to go for.

If John Toshack needed reassurance that he done the right thing by resisting the lure of a return to Anfield, it must have come with Real Sociedad's 3-2 victory over Real Madrid, who had dismissed the Welshman in the autumn.

In Germany, Jupp Heynckes, the coach of Bayern Munich, hailed his team's 3-0 win at midtable VfB Stuttgart on Saturday as their best for three years. Wohlfarth, the league's top scorer, struck twice to make it 14 for the season so far.

SNOOKER

Hendry ousted by player ranked 59

From Steve Acteson in Rotterdam

STEPHEN Hendry, the world champion, was beaten 5-0 in the fifth round of the European Open in Rotterdam last night by Mark Johnston-Allen, who is ranked 59th in the world.

It was the first time Hendry had failed to reach the final of a world-ranking event since the British Open of March 1990 and the first time he had failed to win a frame since 1985. Last year he reach the final of this event but lost to John Parrott.

Johnston-Allen, also aged 22, and a former public schoolboy from Bristol, claimed the opening frame with a break of 39 and the second, with a superb clearance to pink, of 114 after Hendry had missed an easy blue. Johnston-Allen took the third frame with a brown-to-pink clearance after Hendry had surprisingly missed the brown.

The world champion saved his most glaring blunder for frame four when he missed a simple pink off its spot for Johnston-Allen to secure the frame on the black. A break of 50 gave him his best victory since he beat Alex Higgins in September 1989 and also the first quarter-final place in a world ranking tournament.

Hendry has won seven titles this season, £595,000 in prize money and established a record of becoming the first player to collect five world ranking events in one term. Johnston-Allen, who is provisionally down to 80th in the standings, has won £7,300 and the last time he collected a ranking point was for that victory over Higgins.

Hendry said: "Possibly I underestimated Mark. It is always a major setback to lose and after so much success this season I do need the holiday I am going to take at home in Scotland. I need to freshen up before the Irish Masters. Then the defence of my world title begins in Sheffield. I am not moaning, however, and I do not want to take anything away from Mark because he played very well."

Johnston-Allen said: "I said before the match that I fancied the job. I came here with a different attitude because I was getting nowhere. I don't mean to sound big-headed but I can play this game and if you are only doing it in practise and not potting a ball in tournaments it's heartbreaking."

RESULTS: Fifth round: M Johnston-Allen (Eng) bt S Hendry (Scot), 5-0. Frame scores (Johnston-Allen first): 58-54, 114-1, 62-43, 55-52, 68-24.

GOLF

Davies recovers winning touch

By Patricia Davies

WHEN Laura Davies arrived at StoneRidge Country Club in California for the Inamori Classic last week, she took one look at the course and thought, "Uh, oh. This is not a course I can win on."

On Sunday, she had a round of 67, five under par, to win by four shots with a total of 277, 11 under par, and said: "I've never played so well in my life."

The former British and US women's open champion earned $60,000 (£32,000) and, at least as important, achieved her first victory in the United States since 1989, providing an invaluable boost to her confidence.

"It's nice to be back," Davies, who had only one win last season, said. "The show's on the road again. Last year was a bad run for me and everyone expects me to win every week. I don't. I really don't think I'm good enough to be in contention week after week with the likes of Beth Daniel and Patty Sheehan."

They, however, know that she is capable of competing with them, especially as she becomes maturer and more experienced. The circumstances of her latest victory indicated that she is learning to use her head, a very dangerous omen for all her opponents.

StoneRidge was a tight, up-and-down course, with out of bounds everywhere. Reluctantly, but sensibly, she left her woods covered, taking her driver only from the 10th fairway in an attempt to reach the long par-five in two, and hit 15 greens in regulation. Despite taking three putts at the 1st, she ran up six birdies, including three in a row from the 6th, to win her fifth US title.

FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 277: L Davies (GB), 70, 68, 72, 67. 281: L Connelly, 71, 75, 68, 67; J Dickinson, 70, 74, 68, 69. 282: R Walton, 69, 71, 70, 72; T Barrett, 70, 69, 70, 73. 283: P Rizzo, 75, 72, 70, 66. 284: N LeRoux (SA), 72, 70, 72, 70; M McGeorge, 71, 75, 67, 71; L Garbacz, 74, 70, 69, 71. Other British scores: 293: P Wright, 76, 73, 72, 72. 296: T Johnson, 73, 75, 73, 74. 297: S Maynor, 76, 71, 74, 76.

☐ Severiano Ballesteros, who has refused to compete in the Dunhill British Masters since winning the tournament in 1986, will play this year at the Woburn Golf and Country Club on from May 30 to June 2.

IN BRIEF

Eton lead Thames challenge

A RECORD 282 crews from 63 schools will be racing in the Schools Head of the River at Putney today (Mike Rosewell writes).

Eton, last year's winners, will lead off the first eights and are hot favourites to retain the title, having won the Hampton and Henley heads and been the fastest school in the Reading head.

Shrewsbury, starting seventh, have yet to race Eton directly and could be dark horses, having won the Worcester head with some ease. Hampton, Pangbourne and St Edwards have all taken distant seconds behind Eton this season.

GOLF: Steve Pate squandered a five-shot lead but his 75 in blustery conditions was still good enough to win the $1 million Honda Classic, nine under par on 279 and three shots ahead of Paul Azinger and Dan Halldorson.

TENNIS: Stephen Botfield trounced Alex Rouse, his Essex colleague, 6-0, 6-1 in a 47-minute first-round match of the Serve and Volley Men's Satellite Masters tournament in Manchester yesterday.

CYCLING: Colin Sturgess, the professional road race and track pursuit champion of Britain, is suffering stomach cramps and has had to interrupt his continental racing programme to return from his Belgian headquarters for possible hospital treatment.

☐ Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, took the lead of the Paris-to-Nice race after his Toshiba team won the second stage team time trial in Nevers yesterday.

SKIING: Jill Curry, of Britain, produced one of her best aerial results, finishing fifth, to take second place in the combined freestyle at a World Cup event at Voss, Norway, on Sunday. Conny Kissling, the world No. 1, came first.

SNOOKER: David Harrison, a former chief executive of Derbyshire County Cricket Club, has taken up a similar position with the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association. Harrison, aged 45, has promotional experience of both snooker and bowls.

RUGBY UNION: Bill McLaren, the BBC television commentator, will feature on Radio 5 for next season's World Cup, as ITV has secured the contract to televise the games.

REAL TENNIS: Jinnis Hrysicos won his first big championship, the British Professional Handicap singles, on his home court at Hatfield, beating Mark Devine, the holder, in the final.

☐ Moreton Morrell reached the final of the Field Trophy, the national interclub tournament, for the first time by beating Petworth side. They meet Hampton Court in the final next weekend.

HOCKEY

Defenders in charge

Royal Navy 0
UAU XI 0

SEVENTY minutes of hard work reaped no reward for the Royal Navy and the Universities Athletic Union in the annual match in Cardiff yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

Both sides played into the hands of opposing defenders

ROYAL NAVY: P/O S Endicknap (sub: L/Cpl A Thomson, RM); Lt K Bramble, CPO B Henry, P/O L Hammond, P/O M Ardagh, P/O S Mitchell, Wtr L Watson, C/CPO G Mather (captain), AEM J Moseley, LEM T Spinks, Sub/Lt W Warrender.
UAU: S Walsh (Lancaster); R Houghton (Exeter, captain), S James (Sheffield), R Kerr (Loughborough), M Fletcher (Lancaster), M Coupland (Royal Navy), M Benaissa (Manchester), N Land (Sheffield), P Gyles (Newcastle), L Troy (Sheffield), S Fitch (Newcastle).
Umpires: Lt I Bryan (Royal Navy) and J Williams (Wales).

BOWLS

Newcomers capture national title

PEGGY Laming and Pat Carr, from Gillingham, who took up bowls for fun only four years ago, won the Pedigree Films national women's unbadged pairs championship at Bedford's Lawson Park yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

They had, they said, been better prepared for the final — having been involved in a tense semi-final — than their opponents, Lynda Parker and Jeanette Coulson, of York, who had coasted to a 30-7 victory over Marina, Great Yarmouth.

Gillingham, who beat York 19-7, scraped through their semi-final against West Cornwall after a fluctuating and fascinating struggle. West Cornwall led 9-6 but trailed 9-18 after 15 ends before making a late run.

RESULTS: Unbadged pairs: Semi-finals: York (L Parker and J Coulson) bt Marina, Great Yarmouth (J Chilvers and P King), 30-7; Gillingham (P Laming and P Carr) bt West Cornwall (M Williams and M Matthews), 20-19. Final: Gillingham bt York, 19-7. Two-bowl triples: Quarter-finals: Moonfleet (J Searle) bt Yeovil (M Fellows), 22-12; St Neots (E Clarke) bt Diss and District (M Raeder), 14-12; Darlington (D Harbin) bt Plymouth Civil Service (L Sparks), 18-13; Picketts Lock (I Foote) bt Rugby Thornfield (R Reynolds), 17-15. Semi-finals: Moonfleet bt St Neots, 16-12; Darlington bt Picketts Lock, 20-12.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 4, Union 0; Platense 1, Estudiantes de la Plata 0; Argentinos Juniors 1, San Lorenzo de Almagro 2; Huracán 1, Newell's Old Boys 1; Independiente 1, Deportivo Mandiyu (Corrientes) 0; Chaco for Ever (Chaco) 0, Racing Club 0; River Plate 2, Talleres (Córdoba) 0; Rosario Central 1, Lanus 2; Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 2, Deportivo Español 1; Ferro Carril Oeste 0, Velez Sarsfield 1. Leading positions: 1, Boca Juniors, 6; 2, Newell's Old Boys, 6; 3, San Lorenzo de Almagro, 6.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo 1, Bahia 0; Internacional 1, Corinthians 1; Flamengo 1, Santos 0; Vasco da Gama 1, Sport 1; Nautico 0, Fluminense 1; Cruzeiro 1, Portuguesa 1; Atletico Paranaense 1, Palmeiras 1; Vitoria 1, Gremio 0. Leading positions (after seven games): 1, Fluminense, 10; 2, Palmeiras, 9; 3, Corinthians, 8.
BELGIAN LEAGUE: Anderlecht 3, Kortrijk 0; Lierse 1, FC Liège 1; Charleroi 1, Antwerp 1; Genk 0, Molenbeek 0; Beerschot 2, Lokeren 0; Ekeren 3, Ghent 1; Waregem 1, Mechelen 0; Standard Liège 3, Cercle Bruges 2; Club Bruges 2, St Truiden 0. Leading positions: 1, Anderlecht, 38; 2, La Gantoise, 38; 3, Mechelen 35.
CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Slavia Prague 4, Banik Ostrava 1; Inter Bratislava 3, Plastika Nitra 3; DAC Dunajska Streda 1, Bohemians Prague 0; TJ Vitkovice 1, Tatran Presov 0; Sigma Olomouc 1, Sparta Prague 0; Union Cheb 2, Spartak Hradec Kralove 0; Dukla Banska Bystrica 0, Slovan Bratislava 0; Dukla Prague 1, Zbrojovka Brno 1. Leading positions: 1, Union Cheb, 24; 2, Slovan Bratislava, 22; 3, DAC Dunajska Streda, 22.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Groningen 4, Sparta Rotterdam 0; Volendam 1, SC Heerenveen 1; Utrecht 0, FC Den Haag 0; Feyenoord 0, Willem II Tilburg 1; Twente 2, SVV Schiedam 1; NEC Nijmegen 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 2; MVV Maastricht 0, RKC Waalwijk 1; Fortuna Sittard 0, Vitesse Arnhem 4. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 19, 31; 2, Groningen, 20, 29; 3, Ajax, 17, 26.
EAST GERMAN LEAGUE: Sachsen Leipzig 3, Frankfurt on Oder 0; Chemnitzer 2, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0; Chemie 1, Energie Cottbus 1; Stahl Brandenburg 2, Hansa Rostock 3; Eisenhuttenstadter Stahl 3, Lokomotiv Leipzig 0. Leading positions: 1, Hansa Rostock, played 15, 24pts; 2, Dynamo Dresden, 15, 18; 3, Chemie Halle, 16, 18.
FAI CUP: First round: Dundalk 0, Ashtown Villa 1; Cardonagh 0, Limerick City 0 (aet); University College Dublin 1, Kilkenny City 1 (aet); Wayside Celtic 0, St James's Gate 2; St Patrick's Athletic 0, Derry City 0 (aet); Mallow United 0, Athlone Town 1; Longford Town 0, Shelbourne 3; Monaghan United 1, Elm Rovers 2; Galway United 3, Cobh Ramblers 1; Edenmore 1, Sligo Rovers 2; Cork City 2, Bohemians 3 (aet); Shamrock Rovers 4, Finn Harps 3; Portlaoise 3, Home Farm 1; Drogheda United 4, Park Villa 1; Midleton 2, Bray Wanderers 0; Waterford United 2, St Joseph's Boys 1.
GREEK LEAGUE: AEK 3 Levadiakos 1; Aris 1 OFI Crete 1; PAS Ioannina 2 Apollon 2; Doxa Drama 2 Panserraikos 0; Iraklis 2 Larissa 1; Ionikos 3 PAOK 2; Xanthi 0 Athinaikos 2; Panathinaikos 0 Olympiakos 1; Panionios 1 Panachaiki 1. Leading positions (after 22 games): 1, Panathinaikos, 33; 2, Olympiakos, 31; Athinaikos, 29.
HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: Videoton-Waltham 0, Pecsi MSC 0; Raba ETO 0, Siofok 0; Ferencvaros 1, UTE 0; Veszprem 0, Debreceni VSC 1; Bekescsaba 1, Tatabanya 0; Volan 2, Szeged SC 2; Vaci Izzo 2, Honved 3; Vasas 0, MTK VM 2. Leading positions (after 16 games): 1, Honved, 26pts; 2, Ferencvaros, 24; 3, Vaci Izzo, 22.
ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 2, Lecce 1; Bari 0, Lazio 0; Bologna 0, Genoa 3; Cagliari 2, Pisa 1; Fiorentina 0, Napoli 0; Internazionale 2, Juventus 0; AS Roma 1, Parma 1; Sampdoria 2, AC Milan 0; Torino 2, Cesena 1. Leading positions (after 24 games): 1, Internazionale, 35; 2, Sampdoria, 35; 3, Milan, 32.
FRENCH CUP: First round: Dijon 3, Nice 1; Avignon 0, Toulon 4; Monaco 1, Saint-Seurin 0; Bourges 1, Bordeaux 0; Marseille 4, Strasbourg 1; Lille 4, Epinal 2; Angers 2, Lyons 0; Saint-Quentin 0, Auxerre 2; Niort 1, Caen 0; Dunkerque 2, Nancy 3; Toulouse 3, Bastia 1; Rouen 1, Rennes 0; Cannes 2, Orleans 1 (aet); Avranches 1, Sochaux 2; Mont-de-Marsan 2, Metz 3; US Montagnarde 0, Montpellier 2; Wasquehal 0, Paris Saint-Germain 1; Nantes 1, Mulhouse 0.
POLISH LEAGUE: Zaglebie Lubin 2, GKS Katowice 0; Slask Wroclaw 0, Lech Poznan 0; Zaglebie Lubin 4, Igloopol Debica 0; Olimpia Poznan 1, Zawisza Bydgoszcz 0; Ruch Chorzow 2, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0; Motor Lublin 2, LKS Lodz 0; Stal Mielec 1, Hutnik Krakow 1; Wisla Krakow 0, Legia Warszawa 0. Leading positions (after 18 games): 1, Zaglebie Lubin, 23; 2, GKS Katowice, 23; 3, Hutnik Krakow, 22.
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Nacional 2, Porto 3; Amadora 1, Benfica 4; União 0, Sporting 2; Setubal 3, Tirsense 0; Penafiel 1, Guimaraes 0; Salgueiros 1, Gil Vicente 0; Boavista 1, Beira Mar 1; Belenenses 1, Maritimo 2; Braga 4, Farense 2; Famalicão 1, Chaves 1. Leading positions (after 25 games): 1, Porto, 46; 2, Benfica, 46; 3, Sporting, 41.
ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Rapid Bucharest 2, Politehnica Timisoara 1; Dinamo Bucharest 2, Bacau 1; Universitatea Craiova 3, Petrolul Ploiesti 0; Progresul Braila 1, Steaua Bucharest 1; FC Brasov 2, Corvinul Hunedoara 0; FC Bihor Oradea 2, Sportul Studentesc 2; Gloria Bistrita 1, Inter Sibiu 0; Universitatea Cluj 0, Arges Pitesti 0; FC Farul Constanta 0, Jiul Petrosani 0. Leading positions (after 19 games): 1, Universitatea Craiova, 28; 2, Steaua Bucharest, 26; 3, Dinamo Bucharest, 25.

SWISS LEAGUE: Lausanne 3, Lucerne 1; Lugano 2, Neuchatel Xamax 1; Sion 1, Grasshopper 0; Young Boys 2, Servette 2.
TURKISH LEAGUE: Bakirkoyspor 3, Adanaspor 0; Bursaspor 2, Genclerbirligi 2; Karsiyaka 1, Galatasaray 2; Ankaragucu 3, Aydinspor 1; Konyaspor 0, Boluspor 1; Besiktas 5, Zeytinburnuspor 0; Sariyer 2, Gaziantepspor 1; Trabzonspor 3, Fenerbahce 0. Leading positions (after 22 games): 1, Besiktas, 52; 2, Trabzonspor, 48; 3, Galatasaray, 46.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Osasuna Pamplona 0, Atlético Madrid 3; Athletic Bilbao 0, Barcelona 6; Real Madrid 2, Real Sociedad 3; Burgos 1, Sporting Gijón 1; Real Valladolid 2, Seville 1; Betis Sevilla 2, Real Mallorca 2; Español 2, Cádiz 1; Valencia 2, Real Zaragoza 0; Real Oviedo 0, Sporting Logroñés 0. Leading positions (after 25 games): 1, Barcelona, 42; 2, Atlético Madrid, 37; 3, Osasuna Pamplona, 31.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: VfB Stuttgart 0, Bayern Munich 0; Karlsruhe SC 3, Hertha Berlin 0; FC Kaiserslautern 2, Borussia Dortmund 2; Fortuna Duesseldorf 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; VfL Bochum 0, Hamburg SV 1; Bayer Leverkusen 1, Bayer Uerdingen 0; Borussia Moenchengladbach 1, SG Wattenscheid 1; St Pauli 0, FC Nuremberg 0; Werder Bremen 2, FC Cologne 1. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen, played 20, 28; 2, Bayern Munich, 20, 27; 3, Kaiserslautern, 19, 25.
YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Proleter 2, Rad 1; Zemun 2, Vojvodina 1; Rijeka 2, Osijek 0; Velez 0, Sarajevo 0 (Velez won 5-4 on penalties); Olimpija 5, Spartak 0; Zeljeznicar 1, Sloboda 0 (Zeljeznicar won 4-2 on penalties); Radnicki 0, Red Star 4; Borac 1 Dinamo 1 (Borac won 6-5 on penalties); Buducnost 0, Hajduk 1. Leading positions: 1, Red Star, played 22, 34; 2, Proleter, 22, 27; 3, Partizan, 21, 25.
WEST AFRICAN CUP: Third round, second leg: ETICS (Senegal) 1, Real de Bamako (Mali) 1 (agg: 2-2; Etics win 4-3 on penalties).

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday March 16 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 C Palace v Derby
1 Liverpool v Sunderland
1 Luton v Norwich
X Man City v Wimbledon
1 QPR v Coventry
1 Sheff Utd v Chelsea
X Soton v Everton

Not on coupons: Arsenal v Leeds (Sunday); Aston Villa v Tottenham; Nottingham Forest v Manchester United

SECOND DIVISION

X Barnsley v Charlton
1 Brighton v Blackburn
2 Bristol R v Notts Co
2 Leicester v Middlesbro
1 Millwall v Swindon
X Newcastle v Bristol C
1 Oldham v West Brom
X Plymouth v Portsmouth
1 Port Vale v Hull
X Watford v Ipswich
2 West Ham v Sheff Wed
1 Wolves v Oxford

THIRD DIVISION

1 Bolton v Wigan
1 Bradford v Leyton O
X Camb'ge U v Exeter
1 Crewe v Bury
2 Fulham v Bourn'm'th
1 Grimsby v Brentford
1 Hudd'field v Chester
X Preston v Birmingham
1 Reading v Rotherham
X Shrewsbury v Stoke

Not on coupons: Southend v Mansfield (Friday); Tranmere v Swansea (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Burnley v Carlisle
2 Cardiff v Scunthorpe
X Chest'field v Wrexham
1 Darlington v Doncaster
1 Gillingham v York
2 Hartlepool v Blackpool
X Lincoln v Maidstone
1 Scarboro v Aldershot
1 Stockport v Hereford
2 Walsall v Rochdale

Not on coupons: Halifax v Northampton (Friday); Torquay v Peterborough (Friday)

HFS LOANS LGE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Chorley v Gainsboro
1 Fleetwood v Hyde
2 Mossley v Goole
2 Shepshed v Marine
X S Liverpool v Leek
1 Stalybridge v Bangor

BEAZER HOMES LGE PREMIER DIVISION

2 Atherstone v Camb'ge C
1 Moor Green v Weym'th
X Poole v Worcester
1 Rushden v Halesowen
2 Waterl'ville v Chelmsf'd

VAUXHALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Basingstoke v St Albans
2 Bishop's S v Woking
1 Bognor v Dagenham
1 Kingstonian v Harrow
2 Leyton-W v Wokingham
2 Marlow v Grays

SCOTTISH CUP FIFTH ROUND

Not on coupons: Celtic v Rangers (Sunday); Dundee United v Dundee (tomorrow); Motherwell v Morton; St Johnstone v Ayr

SCOTTISH FIRST

Not on coupons: Airdrie v Kilmarnock; Clydebank v Brechin; Falkirk v Hamilton; Partick v Meadowbank; Raith v Clyde

SCOTTISH SECOND

X Albion v Stenh'muir
1 Alloa v Dumbarton

Not on coupons: Arbroath v East Stirling; Berwick v Queen's Park; Cowdenbeath v Stranraer; East Fife v Montrose; Queen of the South v Stirling Albion

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Southampton, Newcastle, Barnsley, Plymouth, Cambridge United, Preston, Shrewsbury, Chesterfield, Lincoln, South Liverpool, Poole, Albion.
BEST DRAWS: Newcastle, Preston, Shrewsbury, South Liverpool, Albion.
AWAYS: Sheffield Wednesday, Scunthorpe, Blackpool, Woking, Wokingham.
HOMES: Liverpool, Brighton, Millwall, Port Vale, Bradford City, Huddersfield, Burnley, Gillingham, Chorley, Fleetwood, Stalybridge, Kingstonian.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Liverpool, Brighton, Huddersfield, Stalybridge, Kingstonian. Aways: Scunthorpe, Woking, Wokingham. Draws: Newcastle, Preston, Shrewsbury.

● Vince Wright

FOR THE RECORD

SKIING

TIGNES, France: British national super giant slalom: Men: 1, R Duncan (GB), 1min 19.90sec; 2, S Mongelaz (Fr), 1:21.14; 3, G Mendes (Por), 1:22.13. Women: 1, C de Pourtales (GB), 1:23.52; 2, M Brecho (Fr), 1:26.02; 3, L Beck (GB), 1:26.28.
ASPEN, Colorado: World Cup men's slalom: 1, R Nierlich (Austria), 1min 28.21sec; 2, T Fogdoe (Swe), 1:28.47; 3, F De Crignis (It),

MOTORCYCLING

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida: Daytona 200: 1, M Duhamel (Can); 2, J James (US); 3, T Stevens (US).

RUGBY UNION

BRISBANE, Australia: Tour Match: Queensland 21 Tucuman (Arg) 18.
BEDFORDSHIRE CUP: Final: Leighton Buzzard 4, Biggleswade 10 (aet).
CLUB MATCH: Trinity College, Dublin 43, Oxford University 35.
UNDER-21 MATCH: Northampton 38, George Mason University, Virginia (US) 0.
WELSH SCHOOLS NATIONAL LEAGUE COMPETITION: Semi-finals: Glantaf 18, Llandovery College 12; Neath College 18, Pontypool College 3.
CONNACHT, Ireland: Schools Senior Cup: Final: Garbally College 14, Clifden Community School 0. Junior Cup: Final: Sligo Grammar School 3, St Joseph's College 4.
ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH SCHOOLS CUP: Semi-final: St Aloysius College 32, Elgin School 3.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: RAF Pistol Club Championships: Winners: Standard pistol (overall): S Pengelly (Abingdon), 570. Standard Pistol (Tyro): D Broomjohn (Brampton). Sport Pistol (overall): Pengelly, 576. Sport Pistol (Tyro): J Miles (Henlow), 503. Police Pistol (overall): C Webb (Northwood), 296. Police Pistol (Tyro): H Smith (Wittering), 283. Service Pistol (overall): Fox, 161. Service Pistol (Tyro): Smith, 148. Victor Ludorum: Fox, 137. Victor Ludorum (Tyro): A Di Salvo (Shawbury), 74.

STUDENT SPORT

SAPPORO: World Student Winter Games: Men: Alpine: Slalom: K Kimura (Japan), 1min 33.84sec. Combined: P Jurko (Cz), 27.23pts. Nordic: Ski jumping: 115-metre hill: I Naoto (Japan), 212.4pts. Cross country: 30-kilometre freestyle: V Kamotskiy (USSR), 1hr 19min 58.5sec. Short-track skating: 1,000m: 1, Kim Ki-Hoon (S Kor), 1min 33.74sec; 2, W O'Reilly (GB), 1:34.87. 3,000m: Kim Ki-Hoon (S Kor), 5:54.15. 5,000m relay: Italy, 7:45.73. Women: Alpine: Slalom: J Lacasse (Can), 1min 34.65sec. Combined: T Malgorzata Mogore (Fr), 54.13pts. Short-track skating: 1,000m: Hwang Ok-Sil (N Kor), 1min 47.97sec. 3,000m: Hwang Ok Sil, 6:07.32. 3,000m relay: China, 4:48.78.

TENNIS

INDIAN WELLS, California: Champions Cup: Final: J Courier (US) b G Forget (Fr), 4-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6.
BOCA RATON, Florida: Boca Raton women's tournament: Final: G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Graf (Ger), 6-4, 7-6.
VAUXHALL MEN'S INDOOR TROPHY: Fifth round: Puma Sunderland 3, Tennis World Middlesbrough 0.

WEIGHTLIFTING

HAVERFORDWEST: Welsh Championships: 52kg: G Williams (Holyhead), 52.5 (snatch), 70 (jerk), equals 122.5. 60kg: P Richard (Swansea), 65, 90, 155. 60kg: P Richard (Swansea), 90, 115, 205. 67.5kg: J Head (Tenby), 95, 115, 210. 75kg: T Morgan (Cambridge), 125, 155, 210. 82.5kg: D Morgan (Cambridge), 145, 170, 315. 90kg: G Williams (Swansea), 127.5, 152.5, 280. 100kg: A Arnold (Ammanford), 115, 137.5, 252.5. 110kg: A Davies (Caldicot), 155, 180, 335. over 110kg: F Thomas (Swansea), 120, 160, 280.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League Second division

Blackburn v Bristol Rovers (7.45)
Bristol City v Leicester (7.45)
Charlton v Wolverhampton (7.45)
Hull v Watford
Middlesbrough v Newcastle
Notts County v Port Vale (7.45)
Portsmouth v Millwall (7.45)
Swindon v Oldham (7.45)

Third division

Birmingham v Fulham (7.45)
Bournemouth v Reading (7.45)
Brentford v Preston (7.45)
Bury v Shrewsbury
Chester v Bradford
Leyton Orient v Cambridge (7.45)
Mansfield v Bolton
Rotherham v Grimsby
Swansea v Southend
Wigan v Tranmere

Fourth division

Aldershot v Hartlepool
Blackpool v Scarborough
Carlisle v Gillingham
Doncaster v Torquay (7.45)
Northampton v Burnley
Peterborough v Darlington
Rochdale v Cardiff
Scunthorpe v Walsall
Wrexham v Halifax
York v Chesterfield

GM Vauxhall Conference

Cheltenham v Fisher
Colchester v Runcorn
Kettering v Wycombe
Slough v Welling
Stafford v Boston
Sutton Utd v Bath

Bob Lord Trophy Semi-final, first leg

Barrow v Kidderminster

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

St Mirren v Celtic

First division

Airdrie v Partick
Clyde v Clydebank
Forfar v Kilmarnock

Second division

Alloa v East Fife
Montrose v Stranraer

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Portadown v Ballymena (7.45).
BASS IRISH CUP: Quarter-final replay: Glentoran v Larne.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v Aston Villa (6.45).
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton v Wimbledon (7.15); Chelsea v Charlton (2.0).
WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Sutton Utd v Aldershot.
VAUXHALL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Woking v Dagenham. Premier Division: Aylesbury v Hayes; Basingstoke v Bognor; Hendon v Marlow; Leyton-Wingate v Harrow. First division: Bromley v Chalfont St Peter; Walton and Hersham v Metropolitan Police; Whyteleafe v Croydon; Worthing v Tooting and Mitcham. Second division north: Basildon Utd v Purfleet; Billericay v Saffron Walden; Clapton v Collier Row; Tilbury v Tring; Vauxhall Motors v Rainham; Witham v Edgware. Second division south: Abingdon Town v Malden Vale; Bracknell v Newbury; Harefield v Egham; Hungerford v Camberley; Southall v Maidenhead Utd.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: League Cup: Semi-finals, first leg: Buxton v Caernarfon; Southport v Bangor City. Premier division: Droylsden v Goole; South Liverpool v Chorley; Witton v Gainsborough. First division: Eastwood Town v Rhyl; Harrogate Town v Accrington Stanley; Irlam v Farsley; Worksop v Radcliffe.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromsgrove v VS Rugby; Farnborough v Halesowen (7.45); Gloucester v Weymouth; Rushden v Cambridge City. Midland division: Grantham v Nuneaton Borough; King's Lynn v Bedworth; Stourbridge v Bridgnorth; Stroud v Corby. Southern division: Baldock v Erith and Belvedere; Hastings v Andover; Witney v Newport IOW.
ABACUS LEAGUE: National division: Bridgend v Abergavenny.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: Lamot Pils Trophy: Blackpool v Cheadle. First division: Salford v St Helens.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Exmouth v Saltash; Paulton v Clevedon.
BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Barton v Stotfold (Biggleswade Town).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bristol v Exeter; Lydney v Gloucester (7.0); Northampton v RAF (7.0).
BRITISH COLLEGES CUP: Final: West London Institute v Cardiff Institute (Reading, 4.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Yonex All England championship: Qualifying rounds (Watford).
BOXING: European cruiserweight championship: J Nelson (Sheffield) v Y Monsieur (Bel) (Mansfield).
SQUASH RACKETS: Guernsey Women's open.
TENNIS: Serve and Volley LTA men's satellite circuit (Bramhall).

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Clough applauds Dalglish's decision

Clough: right man essential

By CHRIS MOORE

BRIAN Clough regards Kenny Dalglish's abdication from Anfield as the most "courageous decision" made during his 25-year career as the Football League's longest-serving manager.

Clough, the manager of Nottingham Forest, says: "The courage he [Dalglish] showed packing in when his side was still in the FA Cup and at the top of the first division showed tremendous character as far as I am concerned."

Speaking in his first significant television interview of the season, to be shown on Central Television's *Sports Special* tonight, Clough specifically requests the opportunity of offering an opinion on Dalglish's surprise resignation last month.

"Millions of words have been written about it, and I don't know the reasons except to accept what Kenny said," Clough says. "What I do know is it's one of the most courageous decisions a manager has ever made since I have been in football.

"It would have been so easy for him to have sat back a little bit, stayed on, not taken the most active part he had been doing, papered over the cracks and held on until the close season and then possibly have three months off.

"To do what he did showed tremendous character. Everybody was going the other way and saying it was wrong to leave when he did. But he did a very courageous thing, the young man, and I hope it comes off for him in terms of his children and his family. If he ever wants to come back into football, I am certain there will always be a place for him."

Asked why Liverpool have found it so difficult to replace Dalglish, Clough points to the absolute necessity at Anfield of appointing the right man. "It's not just as case of appointing a manager because they could find 30 or 40 within a week. It's about appointing someone to go into an establishment that has taken 30 years to build up.

"It all started with Bill Shankly. There's no doubt about that. And if there was any envy about Kenny getting the job in the first place, it was that he inherited a palace and a castle, just like Charlie will when the Queen decides to retire. He will just move in. He won't have to build on it.

"So the difficulty Liverpool face now is getting the right manager, someone who will be accepted by everyone at Anfield, because when you have been brought up on the diet of success which Liverpool have over the years, I would say 75 per cent of their supporters know nothing else.

"They do not know what it's like to lose; they don't know what it's like to go through a season without winning a major trophy. So the first time it could possibly happen, it hits them right between the eyes and a little bit of panic sets in on the outside.

"But I'm certain the directors will get it right. I'm just a bit surprised at the number of people turning it down."

Clough says that he had considered resigning "a hundred times", but that he had always regretted the decision to part company with Derby County.

"I made the biggest mistake of my career resigning there and vowed afterwards I would never do it again until I was certain it really suited me," he says. "Peter Taylor and I left potentially a Liverpool at Derby. They would have been as big as Liverpool now if we had stayed.

"My advice to young managers is, if you are ever contemplating resigning, go home and sleep on it overnight. If you get up the next morning and you still want to resign, sleep on it again, and again, until you are absolutely certain.

"The chances are you'll find with the run of the day within a club, you'll get over the feeling within a few days because football matches come round so quickly. How you feel on a Saturday night is sometimes totally different to how you feel on a Wednesday. It all depends on results because we live by them."

Just 90 minutes away from his first FA Cup final, Clough also offers another insight into why he is still at ease with "the only job I can do".

"When I walk into our dressing-room this season it reminds me of what Jock Wallace once said to me while we were walking round the Rangers ground some years ago. He said: 'Have you brought your youth team?'

"Now we have got another youth team. We have got lads who would not have qualified for national service and that gives me a lift when I walk in — happy, smiling young faces, ready to do battle, who want to work and want to play for Nottingham Forest. The atmosphere is good. What else can you want for a job? And they give me £150 a week for doing it."

Surgery for Gascoigne as Lazio offer £6m

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

AS LAZIO, the Italian first division club, confirmed last night they are offering £6 million for Paul Gascoigne, his club, Tottenham Hotspur, revealed that he has undergone surgery on torn stomach muscles and will miss England's European championship match against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley on March 27. Tottenham hope, however, that Gascoigne will be fit for the FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal, also at Wembley, on April 14.

After weeks of speculation, Lazio announced a firm offer for Gascoigne, but Gian Marco Calleri, the club president, warned that Lazio would pull out of the deal if other clubs became involved and there were delays in reaching an agreement. Calleri added that he feared the news of the offer might provoke a public auction for the player, causing the purchase price to rise.

Calleri had a six-hour meeting with Gascoigne's agent, Leonard Lazarus, and lawyer, Mel Stein, in Rome on Thursday and the four-year deal with Gascoigne would be worth around £300,000 a year.

Gascoigne has been carrying the injury that caused the surgery since mid-January, and Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager, has tried to nurse him through to the end of the season by playing him only in important matches.

He has played one League game since January 12, but pain-killing injections, and his and Tottenham's desperate desire for success in the Cup, saw him push himself through the pain barrier in the club's bid for Wembley.

His latest exploits came on Sunday, when he scored Tottenham's late winner over Notts County in the FA Cup quarter-final at White Hart Lane, though after the match Gascoigne said: "I'm struggling a bit at the moment, but I don't think I struggled when I hit the back of the net. All I want is to do well in the Cup and I'm hanging on with this."

"It was a gamble to play him but we hoped he would come up with that little bit of magic and make the difference," Venables said. "And that's what he did. It was a big risk to play him because of his injury and that's why we played him up front for a while. I don't think he would have lasted playing the whole match racing up and down in midfield.

"His recovery time is getting longer and longer after every match. I honestly don't know how long he can carry on or whether he will need surgery."

The medical experts gave their answer yesterday as Gascoigne was admitted to hospital for immediate surgery. His former Tottenham team-mate, Chris Waddle, underwent a similar operation in 1988 and was fit again in five weeks. The FA Cup, Tottenham's season and up to £3 million in spin-offs could depend on Gascoigne doing the same.

Tottenham confirmed the news in a brief statement, which read: "As you will know, Paul Gascoinge has today entered hospital for an operation. We would be grateful if you would not trouble the hospital authorities concerned during his stay there."

Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham captain, said: " I understand he saw a specialist this morning and the decision was to operate straight away. It's a bit of a gamble, but he has had this problem for some time and it's now got so bad that something needed to be done.

"He's managed to get through the last couple of rounds of the Cup, but he obviously couldn't keep on playing through the pain. We are hopeful that he will be back for the big one; it would be a terrible shame for him to miss it."

Semi-final at Wembley

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Football Association reluctantly broke an ancient tradition yesterday and chose to stage the FA Cup semi-final between Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley. Never before has the national stadium been used as the venue for any tie other than the Final itself, which has been held there since 1923.

The match will kick off at noon on Sunday, April 14, and will be covered live on television. So will be the other semi-final, which is to start three-and-a-half hours later.

The decision was based on the comparatively modern considerations of convenience and public safety. Nobody needs to be reminded of the horrors of Hillsborough, which caused the semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest to be abandoned two years ago, and the FA recalled the difficulties experienced before a 1987 semi-final.

"We were aware of some disquiet when Tottenham played Watford at Villa Park and the kick-off had to be delayed to allow everyone to get in," a spokesman said yesterday. "We saw no merit in sending people up the motorway again when Wembley could stage the event comfortably."

With Stamford Bridge not considered, there was no realistic alternative to Wembley. "We are not happy about breaking with tradition," the spokesman added, "but safety is paramount."

Hence, also, the timing of the kick-off. The unprecedented occasion will provoke enough fiery passion on the route to Wembley and on the terraces without being fuelled by a large intake of alcohol.

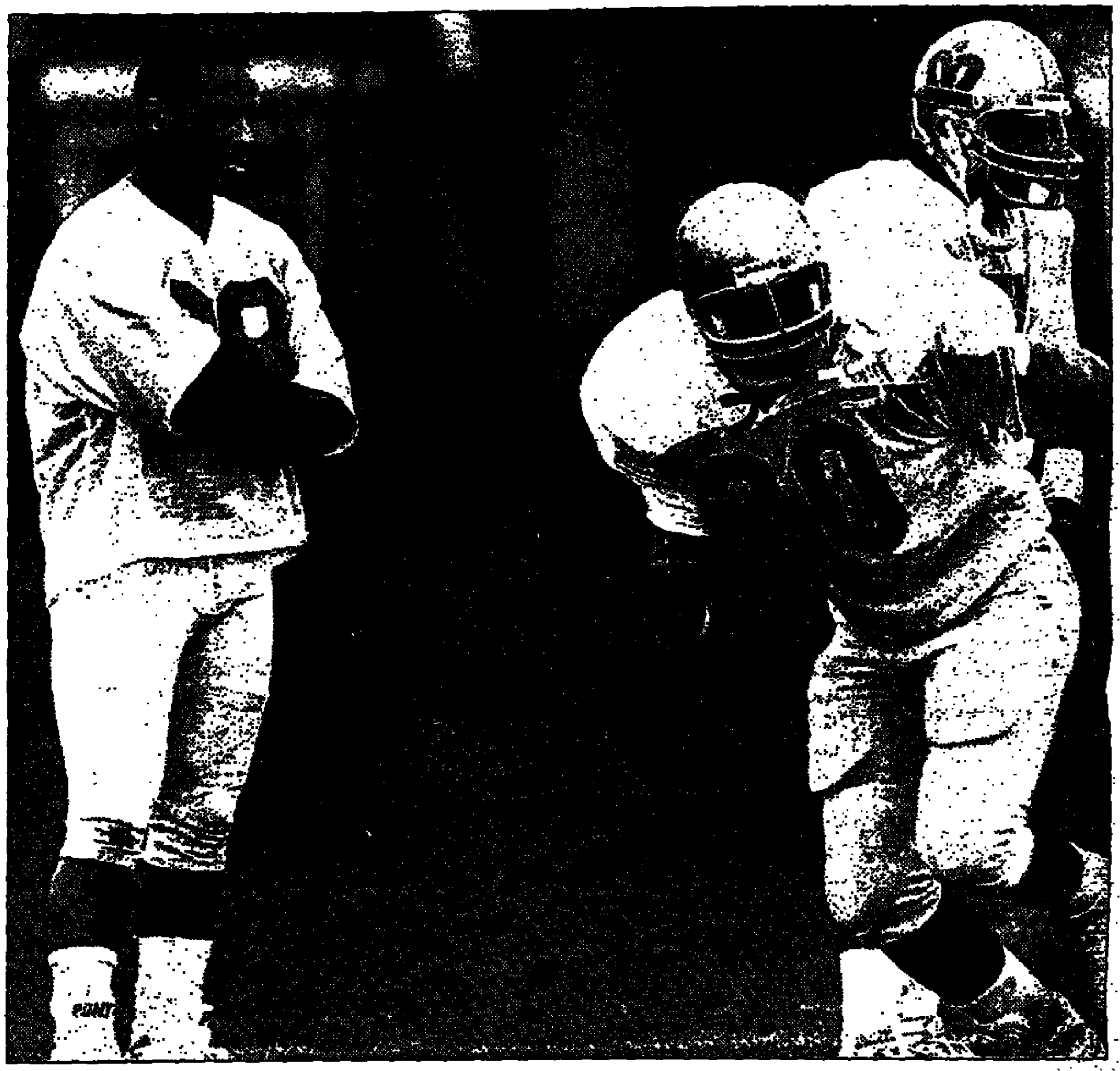
The tickets for both semi-finals will be available at the same prices, and although Arsenal and Tottenham will be watched by an appreciably bigger audience (all 80,000 seats should be filled), the receipts generated by the two ties are to be shared equally by the four clubs. The FA will receive 25 per cent.

The financial rewards may be divided, and rightly so, but it can be argued that the winners of the north London derby will benefit from a psychological advantage. A month before the main event on May 18, they will have conducted a full dress rehearsal and will be less inhibited.

☐ The Football Association has asked an all-party group of MPs to lobby the Home Office regarding FA Cup replays being decided by penalty shoot-outs from next season. The FA Council was expected to ratify the change, but Glen Kirton, the head of external affairs at the FA, said that the matter has been deferred, pending a police decision to keep existing arrangements.

Hanley is forced to play a waiting game

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



All dressed up and no place to go: Hanley, kitted out bar a helmet, looks on ponderously at Bushey yesterday

Elimination process begins

By RICHARD WETHERELL

ELLERY Hanley, famed for his exploits in Wigan and Great Britain rugby league jerseys, joined up with other would-be London Monarchs at their base in Bushey, Hertfordshire, yesterday, but the classic marketing manoeuvre of publicity first, performance later was born out as his participation was limited to that of a passive observer of American football.

There is still plenty of work to be done before Hanley can be classed a fully fledged Monarch, least of which are a thorough medical and obtaining full insurance before he even faces the prospect of being hit by his team-mates in the practice sessions. Then the matter of playing ability will come to the fore.

Hanley will not be present at the press conference at Wembley today. The reasoning behind his absence is sound enough: the rest of the team will be ignored. Hanley, until forced to do so once he signs an official World League of American Football (WLAF) contract, has retreated back into his silent mode. While the rest of the players are at Wembley, he will be receiving extra coaching in Bushey.

The rest of the Monarchs arrived on Sunday and the expected culture shock has already hit some of them. The most serious seems to be the lack of sun, although the coaches and players have already been made aware of the fact that things in this country can take a bit longer than in America.

Hanley, still feeling the effects of a hard Cup game on Sunday against Bradford Northern, watched the running backs go through their drills. He was in full uniform bar a helmet.

A brutal aspect of the WLAF will be apparent at the end of the week. A further cut in the roster to 36 players takes place, and for those who have made it to London but failed at that point, rejection is likely to be doubly hard felt.

Larry Kennan, the Monarchs coach, and his assistants have to do this, adjust to life in England and mould a side ready for its first game, and the first of the WLAF, at Frankfurt on March 23. The ultimate goal is a place in the World Bowl, probably on "home territory" at Wembley on June 9.

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Mason to start on road back

GARY Mason will be back in the gym next week to start the process of rehabilitation after his defeat in the seventh round by Lennox Lewis last Wednesday (Srikumar Sen writes). According to Mason's manager, Mickey Duff, the former heavyweight champion will start road work this week and could be back in the ring by May.

Duff said yesterday that Mason's eyes had returned to normal and though he has still to see a specialist, Duff expects him to be sparring after the 28-day mandatory British Boxing Board of Control ban that affects all boxers stopped in contests. Mason will have to receive a full medical before he can box again.

Duff said that after two or three more bouts Mason could be taking on Lewis again. "Gary's bound to be nominated for the British and European titles. I expect that fight to take place in about eight months' time."

Henry Wharton, Duff's exciting young super-middleweight, will meet Roy Bidwell, of Tennessee, on March 21

Lewis decides on his Cup captain

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Lewis, the new head of British men's tennis, has wasted no time in choosing a replacement for Warren Jacques as Davis Cup captain. The name will be announced by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) today, just four days after confirmation that Lewis had taken responsibility for building Britain's tennis future.

The role of the new captain will be limited, following the pattern of countries like France (Yannick Noah), Germany (Nikki Pilic) and the Davis Cup-holders, the United States (Tom Gorman).

But, particularly if the choice is a figure of international stature like Tony Pickard, Stefan Edberg's mentor, the new man will surely be encouraged to cast his eye as far and as wide as time will allow to encourage the development of tomorrow's Davis Cup players, in addition to preparing the team for its Davis Cup matches, beginning in Warsaw in just under two months' time.

Pickard would certainly be a popular choice because he commands respect throughout the game. David Lloyd was one of those initially approached about the job but doubtless he was considered too outspoken a critic of the LTA, even by a man of Lewis's more radical persuasion. Other names put forward in recent weeks have included such former Davis Cup stalwarts as John Lloyd, Mark Cox and Roger Taylor.

The new captain's first task will be to choose a team to play in the zonal group round against Poland in early May, not the easiest start to his tenure. The leading British player, Jeremy Bates, is ranked 154, the No. 2, Nick Brown, 235, while Danny Sapsford, who made his debut in the 3-2 victory over Romania a year ago, has been struggling with a back injury.

Bates and Brown reached the final of the doubles at Stuttgart last month, but neither relishes playing on clay and there will be a temptation to turn to the next generation — Mark Petchey, Chris Wilkinson or Miles Maclagan — for the second singles spot.

Oldham to face Wigan

By KEITH MACKLIN

MIKE Ford, the Oldham captain, sat with glum face in a Leeds television studio last night as he saw his team get the draw everyone dreaded in the semi-finals of the Silk Cut Rugby League Challenge Cup. Oldham, who have never played at Wembley in the final, were pitted against the holders and favourites, Wigan, in a tie which will be staged at Burnden Park, Bolton, a week on Saturday.

Hardly able to contain his disappointment, Ford said quietly: "Someone had to get Wigan, and it just happens to be us. Never mind if any team is ever going to beat them again in the Cup, it might just as well be us this year. At least we know what we're up against."

The other semi-final will be between those traditional derby rivals, St Helens and Widnes, and is a repeat of the semi-final staged at Central Park, Wigan, two seasons ago when St Helens won with a late try by Les Quirk after the Widnes back row forward, Richard Eyres, had been sent off after half an hour.

Last night's pairing brought joy to both camps, since both avoided the clash with Wigan, and for Widnes it gives an early opportunity for revenge to Doug Laughton, the coach, who was understandably bitter about the outcome two years ago.

Most neutrals in rugby league will be delighted at the draw, since Wigan and Widnes have been the outstanding sides of the past decade, and after three successive easy victories for Wigan at Wembley there is a feeling that Widnes, the Premiership holders, are the only side capable of extending them.

Writing off Oldham and St Helens at this stage could be premature and foolish, however. Wigan have gone 18 Challenge Cup ties without defeat, but Oldham pulled off the sensation of the cup when they knocked the favourites out with a sensational last minute try by Kirwan in the 1986-7 tournament.

Although that match was at the Oldham home ground of Watersheddings, it was a tremendous turn up, and Oldham will be heartened by memories of it.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Wigan v Oldham; St Helens v Widnes.

Clubs to visit USSR

PLAYERS from Fulham and Ryedale York will have a working holiday in the Soviet Union in May (Keith Macklin writes). The second-division clubs, which are aiming for places in the division's top-eight premiership play-off, will help to launch and develop the new fully professional rugby league there by playing matches in Leningrad, Alma Ata in Kazakhstan and Moscow.

The Rugby Football League will pay travel and accommodation costs. The players have agreed to ease the financial burden by playing for expenses only, regarding the trip as "a working holiday".

Fulham and Ryedale York will play each other at Leningrad and Alma Ata and the mini-tour will end in the Dinamo stadium in Moscow on May 23, with the first representative match involving the Soviet Union international squad.